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R. L. Clark ---------- Hamlet, N. C.
H. S. Clark ---------- Laurinburg, N. C.
G. W. Huestas ---------- Patrick, S. C.
L. C. Coats ---------- Cheraw, S. C.

Proceedings

Opened session with song by congregation "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Devotion was conducted by Rev. C. W. Bennett, read from chapter 4 of Hebrews. Song by congregation: "The Lily of the Valley."

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Sabbath School—Brother Pat Hodge, Brother Rudolph Baxley, Rev. Steve English, chairman.

Orphanage—Sister Ruth Hodges, Sister Galloway, Rev. H. S. Clark, chairman.

Education—Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Rev. J. W. Stanley, Rev. J. H. Galloway, chairman.

Missions—Sister Belle Carver, Brother J. W. McLain, Rev. C. W. Bennett, chairman.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

M. L. Baxley, present; A. J. Pearson, present; C. W. Bennett, present; J. H. Galloway, present; Steve English, present; R. L. Clark, present; H. S. Clark, present; G. W. Heustas, present; L. C. Coats, absent.

Visiting ministers: Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Western Association; Rev. J. W. Stanley, Delegate from the Cape Fear Conference.

Song by congregation—"At the Cross."

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Stanley.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song by congregation—"I Am Bound for the Promised Land." Prayer by Brother Wm. Edwards. Song: "The Gloryland Way." Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant taken from 1st chapter of Romans, 16th verse; Subject: "The Preaching of the Gospel of Christ."

Song—"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Adjourned for lunch.

Dismissed by Rev. Bennett.

1:00 P. M.

Song: "Lift Him Up."

Devotional by Rev. J. H. Galloway. Prayer by Bro. Pat Hodge.

BUSINESS PERIOD

It was moved and carried that we, the Rockfish Association, change our name to the Rockfish Conference.

It was moved and carried that we, the Rockfish Conference, make up a collection to be given to the Eastside F. W. B. Church for building purposes, the amount received was $12.15.

The people of Bethel F. W. B. Church and the people of Bethlehem F. W. B. Church requested their representatives to present them to the Rockfish Conference for membership.

It was moved and carried that we, the Rockfish Conference, receive these two churches into our body.

It was moved and carried that one person of each committee be designated as chairman, this will be indicated in our list of committees.

Rev. M. L. Baxley reports his trip to the State Convention and his first meeting with the Board of Directors of the Orphanage Home, after he was appointed as a member at the State Convention.

Brother John Patterson encouraged us to work harder for our Conference; he said—since it's birth in 1912, the Rockfish Conference has seen much darker hours than now, and he had great hopes for it's future growth and survival.

Adjournment at 3:00 P. M.
Dismissed by Rev. Stanley.

EVENING SERVICES

7:30 P. M.

Devotional by Rev. C. W. Bennett. Sermon by Rev. McQueen, Pastor of the Westside Missionary Baptist Church, Red Springs.

SECOND DAY

10:00 A. M.

Opened with song by congregation "Wonderful Words of Life." Prayer by Rev. J. H. Galloway. Song: "I Love My Saviour." Devotional by Rev. J. W. Stanley, read from 17th chapter of St. John.

Reports of Committees:

EDUCATION REPORT

We, your Education Committee, see the need of a trained ministry and wish to express our desires to see more young preachers attend our Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

We also ask each and every church to support the said school by our prayers and money.

Your committee,

R. N. Hinnant
J. W. Stanley
J. H. Galloway

ORPHANAGE REPORT

We, your Committee for the Orphanage, urge our members of this Con-

ference to not forget our children at Middlesex; we ask all of you to designate certain weeks or days of the next year for Orphanage collections.

Your committee,

Bro. H. S. Clark
Sister J. H. Galloway
Sister Ruth Hodges

MISSION REPORT

We, your Committee for Missions, beseech you not to forget the purpose for which our various missions are destined to do; so let's put all the effort that we have to the cause. We can find a great deal of Home Mission work to do, just look around among us at the sufferers. We urge all of you to do your best.

Your committee,

C. W. Bennett
J. W. McLain
Sister Stella Hodges

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

We, your Committee for the Sabbath School, advocate a better and larger Sunday School. Although we have as good a Sunday School as any other conference, we urge our teachers and officers to offer a better and more interesting exercise to our young people so as to encourage their attendance.

Your committee,
Steve English
Rudolph Baxley

Letter read by the clerk from the Albemarle Conference as follows: "To the Rockfish Association now in session—Greetings:

The Albemarle Conference consisting of nineteen (19) churches located in the eastern part of the State send greetings and salutations to your honorable body. We have enjoyed a most successful session of the conference this year and we have included you brethren in our prayers and interest that the cause of our church may expand and be carried unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

This message sent by a vote of the conference.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator
Rev. R. P. Harris, Secretary
Kenly, N. C."

Recess—10:50 A. M.

11:00 A. M.

Song: "The Gloryland Way." Prayer by Rev. C. W. Bennett. Special Song by Charlie and Billy Baxley—"Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand."

Rev. Steve English introduced Rev. J. A. Evans to the congregation.

Sermon by Rev. J. A. Evans—Proverbs 29:18.

An offering was taken up for our orphanage and given directly to the Superintendent of the Home, Rev. J. A. Evans. The amount, $16.32.

Adjourned for lunch. Dismissed by Rev. Huestas.

1:00 P. M.

Song—"The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago."

Devotional by Rev. H. S. Clark, read from Malachi, chapter 4.

Special songs by Charlie Baxley and group: 1. "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me." 2. "The Old Country Church." 3. "Kneel At the Cross."

Rev. J. A. Evans made a fine talk of our Home and the children. He asked us all to do our best for the children. Our Orphanage Home is 27 years old.

Called for Church Letters and reported as follows:

SANDY GROVE—Delegates: Carey Bennett and Sister Myrtle Beasley. Members Received 11, Baptized 9, Dismissed 7, Died 2, Total membership 56. Condition of Prayer Meeting—Fair. Condition of Sunday School—Good. Average No. of Pupils 60, No. of Officers 7, No. of Teachers 4. Paid Pastor $91.50. Paid Evangelist $72.85. Home Missions $75.00. Building and Repairs $800.00. Enclosed for Minutes $5.00. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. C. W. Bennett, Rt. 2, St. Pauls, N. C., and Rev. A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C. Pastor—M. L. Baxley, Red Springs. Mrs. D. B. Thames, Clerk.

MT. MORIAH—Delegates: Mrs. Stella Hodges and Miss Ruth Hodges. State of Religion—Very Good. Members Received this year 1, Died 1, Total membership 43. Condition of Sunday School—Fair. Average No. of Pupils 25. No. of Officers 2. No. of Teachers 2. Paid Pastor $161.98. Paid Evangelist $95.76. Home Missions $11.75. Foreign Missions $13.37. Building and Repairs $66.05. For Education $10.00. For Publication $16.25. Enclosed for Minutes $5.00. Pastor's Name Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Bladenboro, N. C. H. P. Hodges, Moderator, Mrs. Mattie Norton, Clerk, Rt. 1, Hamlet, N. C.

ST. JOHN—Delegates: Bros. Early Gainey, J. W. McLain, Jr., and J. W. McLain, Sr. State of Religion—Good. Sunday School—Good. No. on roll 60. No. baptized 1. Dismissed none. Total membership 87. Paid Pastor $306.93. Minute Funds $2.50. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. G. W. Huestas, Patrick, S. C., Rev. L. C. Coates, Cheraw, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Steve English, Rockingham, N. C. Clerk, Dorothy McLain.

HICKORY GROVE—Delegates: Sisters Avy Jane Lee and Edna B. Blackwell. Minute fund $5.00. State of Religion—Good. Members received this year 11. Total membership 30. Condition of Sunday School—Good. Average No. of Pupils 15. No. of Officers 3. No. of Teachers 3. Paid Pas-

tor $78.37. Paid Orphanage $93.00. Paid Missions $16.30. Paid for lights $18.00. Value of Church Property $2500. Minister belonging to our church —Rev. M. L. Baxley. Pastor, M. L. Baxley. Clerk, Armaitha Sports, Rt. 1, Parkton, N. C.

BETHEL—Delegates: Sister Galloway, Sister Long and Sister Grimsley. Sent for minutes $2.00. Sunday School—Good. Prayer Meeting—Good. New members received 3. Dismissed none. Total membership 11. Rev. J. H. Galloway, Pastor, R. F. D., Lumberton, N. C. Clerk, Ovella Grimsley.

BETHLEHEM—Delegates: Bro. Frank Hunt, Bro. Harvey Polson. State of Religion—Good. State of Sunday School—Good. Members received 1. Members dismissed none. No. on roll 22. Paid Pastor $500.00. Paid Rev. R. L. Clark $200.00. Pastor, H. S. Clark. Clerk, Esther Polson, Rt. 2, Box 43, Patrick, S. C.

PINEY PLAINS—No report.

RED SPRINGS—Delegates :Bro. Rudolph Baxley and Bro. Earle Edwards. No. of members 9. Condition of Sunday School—Good. Average No. of pupils 27. No. of officers 5. Paid out for building purposes $600.00. Enclosed for minutes $4.00. Pastor, M. L. Baxley. Clerk, Rudolph Baxley.

REPORTS OF MINISTER'S WORK

Rev. H. S. Clark—Sermons preached 50; miles travelled about 2,000.

Rev. R. L. Clark—Sermons preached 13; miles travelled about 1,500.

Rev. J. H. Galloway—Sermons preached 12. Superintended and taught in Sunday School and visited the sick.

Rev. M. L. Baxley—Pastor of three churches. Held various Revival meetings. Miles travelled about 3,000. Member of the Board of Directors of the Orphanage.

Rev. Steve English—Pastor of St. Johns Church at Patrick, S. C.

Rev. A. J. Pearson—Pastor of Piney Plains Church.

Rev. G. W. Huestas—

Rev. L. C. Coates—

OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator ---------- M. L. Baxley
Clerk ---------- W. H. Edwards
Treasurer ---------- E. R. Polson
Ass't Treasurer ---------- C. W. Bennett

ORDAINING COUNCIL

M. L. Baxley A. J. Pearson Steve English

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Sandy Grove—Mrs. D. B. Thames, St. Pauls, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Mrs. Armaitha Sports, Parkton, N. C.
Mt. Moriah—Mrs. Mattie Norton, Hamlet, N. C.
St. John—Miss Dorothy McLain, Patrick, S. C.
Bethel—Mrs. Ovella Grimsley, Rt. 1, Lumberton, N. C.
Bethlehem—Miss Esther Polson, Rt. 1, Patrick, S. C.
Piney Plains—Not known.

It was moved and carried that the 40th annual session would convene with St. John's Church at Patrick, S. C., on Thursday and Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1948.

It was motioned and so ordered that we stand and give thanks with bowed heads for the two wonderful dinners served on the yard while Rev. J. W. Stanley dismissed with prayer.

Moderator: M. L. Baxley
Secretary: W. H. Edwards
Rt. 2, St. Pauls, N. C.

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Church Clerks and Postoffices

Sandy Grove—Mrs. Ellen Thames, Route 2, St. Pauls, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Nannie L. Ray, Route 7, Fayetteville, N. C.
Mt. Moriah—Mrs. Mattie Norton, Hamlet, N. C. BOX 152B RT,
Bethel—
Eastside—Mrs. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.
Highland Pines—Myrtle Covington, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Pine Grove—Mrs. Viola Riddle, P. O. Box 42, Rockingham, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—Elizabeth Frith. Shepard, Rt. 2 Hamlet,
Piney Plains

Ordained Ministers

M. L. Baxley—Red Springs, N. C.
J. H. Galloway—Lumberton, N. C.
Steve English—Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
C. W. Bennett—St. Pauls, N. C. sick
R. L. Clark—Hamlet, N. C. "
A. J. Pearson—St. Pauls, N. C. "
Angus Prevatte—Raeford, N. C.
~~N. H. English—R. F. D. 2, Hamlet, N. C.~~ Dismissed JAN. 29th 1951
J. H. Tyson—Raeford, N. C. sick
Frank Sanford—R. F. D. 2, Hamlet, N. C.
George Langley—Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.
H. S. Clark—East Laurinburg, N. C.
C. B. Hopkins—Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.
J. F. Rogers, BOX 22 Rockingham, N.C.

Licentiate

Lenwood Bryant

Ministers Present

M. L. Baxley, Steve English, Angus Prevatte, N. H. English, J. H. Tyson, Frank Sanford, George Langley, J. F. Roberts, C. B. Hopkins, Daisy Roberts.

Sick Excuses

C. W. Bennett A. J. Pearson

Ordaining Councilors

Revs. Steve English, George Langley, C. B. Hopkins, C. W. Bennett and H. S. Clark

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Second Annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist met in session with the church at Highland Pines, East Rockingham, N. C., on Friday, October 6th through 7th, 1950.

Friday Morning

Beginning at 9:30 o'clock

Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

Prayer: Rev. C. H. Coats.

Song: Amazing Grace.

Talk by Rev. N. H. English.

A hearty welcome was extended to all present by the Moderator, then he opened the house for transaction of business.

At this time the various committees were appointed:

Devotional Committee: Bro. Jessie Lee, Jerry Budd, Charlie Hayes.

Sunday School: Rev. Angus Prevatte, H. P. Hodge, Sister Mattie Oliver.

Orphanage: Rev. Steve English, Sister Margaret Mathis, Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Education: Rev. N. H. English, G. H. Carver, Wm. H. Edwards.

Mission: Rev. J. H. Tyson, Paul Brown, Sister Francis Peele.

The Devotional Committee recommended that Rev. C. H. Coats bring the morning sermon.

At this time the body was adjourned for 30 minutes.

Re-assembled. Singing by congregation, Standing on the Promises, and Bringing in the Sheaves.

Prayer by Rev. Paul Brown.

Song: Glory to His Name.

Rev. C. H. Coats introduced by Bro. M. L. Baxley.

Rev. Coates read Romans, Chapter 6, beginning with the 12th verse, using as a text, verse 22.

Theme of sermon: "Better Life." Rev. Coates brought an inspiring message.

Song: When I see the Blood.

The body was adjourned until 1:00 o'clock.

Friday Afternoon Session

1:00 P. M.—Opened by song: My Faith Looks Up to Thee.

Prayer by Rev. P. J. Parker.

Scripture by Rev. Frank Sanford.

Roll called of ministers.

The Free Will Baptist Treatise was read and explained by Rev. C. H. Coates.

It was moved and carried that the Rockfish Conference approved by a 100% vote the work of the Revision Committee.

Collection taken for missions, total $8.62.

Moved to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. C. H. Coates.

Second Day

9:30 Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. M. L. Baxley.

Song: All Hail the Power.

Devotion by Rev. Steve English. Reading Psalms 23rd.

Prayer by Bro. J. O. Ganey.

Moved and carried to establish in each church a separate fund for Foreign Missions.

Resolution Committee: Jerry Budd, J. O. Ganey, Lee Carpenter.

Call for Church Letters

Sandy Grove— Reported by letter and delegates: G. H. Carver, Jerry Budd, Gilbert; Funds, $5.00. Received in 3 months 1. Baptized 1. Dismissed 0. Died 0. Total membership 60. Average no. of pupils 50. Paid pastor $240.36; Orphanage $66.00; Value of church $3,000; For publication $12.00. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C., Rev. J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte. Clerk's name, Mrs. Ellen Thames.

Highland Pines—By letter and delegates: Sister Francis Peele, Sister Lillian Sleipper. Funds $5.00. Received in year 22. Baptized 17. Dismissed 10. Died 0. Total membership 60. Average no. of pupils 70. Paid pastor $283.95. Paid evangelist $233.28. Sickness (Home Mission) $197.30. Church expenses $618.94. Orphanage $93.88. Value of church $5,000. Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Frank Sanford, Hamlet, N. C., Rev. J. F. Roberts. Pastor's name, Rev. N. H. English. Clerk's name, Myrtle Covington.

Hickory Grove—By letter and delegates: Sister Odell Quick, Avy Lee, Margaret Stedman and Mattie Oliphant. Funds $5.00. Dismissed 4. Total membership 50. Average no. of pupils 55. Paid pastor $13.71. Paid evangelist $26.14. Building repairs $700.00. Value of church $2,000. Pastor's name, _____. Clerk's name, Nannie Lee Ray.

Mt. Calvery—By letter and delegates: Bro. Edward Campbell, Clyde Ford and Ralph Shepherd. Funds $5.00. Value of church $3,000. Members received 3. Baptized 0. Dismissed 0. Died 1. Total membership 32. Average no. of pupils 65. Paid pastor $303.50. Orphanage $38.00. Pastor's name, Steve English. Clerk's name, Elizabeth Frith.

Mt. Moriah—By letter and delegates: Sister Margaret Mathis, Mrs. Ruth Jenkins. Funds $5.00. Dismissed 8. Died 1. Total membership 23. Average no. of pupils 20. Paid pastor $200. Paid evangelist $42.00. Value of church $5,000. Building and repairs $35. For publication $15. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte. Clerk's name, Mrs. Mattie Norton.

Bethel—No report.

Eastside—No report.

Pine Grove—By letter and delegates. Paid out on church $14,229.15. Paid pastor $1,020.00. Visiting pastor $275.00. Membership at present 107. Average attendance 142. Church value $20,000.

Rev. J. F. Roberts and wife, Sister Daisy Roberts, who have been absent from this Conference, although active in an Association in East Tennessee, returned to us, asking to be admitted back into this Conference, was duly authorized by the Ordaining Council to carry the Gospel, also they were heartily welcomed back by all those present.

Committee Reports

SABBATH SCHOOL—We your Sabbath School Committee recommend that our teachers and leaders spend more time in preparing the Sunday School lessons for this is a very important work in the church. Also we recommend that we use our own literature.

Bro. H. P. Hodge
Rev. Angus Prevatte

ORPHANAGE—We the committee on Orphanage recommend that all our churches realize that these children are looking to us for support. Let each one do their best for this worthy cause.

Sis. Margaret Mathis
Rev. Steve English

MISSION—We your committee on Mission suggest that we as Free Will Baptist stress the cause of mission in home and foreign, we feel that we can't do too much in extending the gospel to others.

Bro. J. H. Tyson
Sis. Frances Peele

DEVOTIONAL—We your committee appoint Bro. C. H. Coats to preach today at 11:00. Friday P. M., Rev. James Roberts. Saturday, 11:00 Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Bro. Jerry Budd
Jesse Lee
Charlie Hayes

Dismissed for 30 minutes.

11:00 come back for preaching. Song: I Am Thine, Lord. Prayer by John Paterson. Sermon by Rev. Angus Prevatte. Read 1st Chronicles 1:31, using 31st verse for text. A very inspiring message on "Gifts."

Song: Face to Face.

Dismissed by Rev. M. L. Baxley.

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song: Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us. Bible reading by J. O. Ganey, Psalm 133. Prayer by H. S. Clark.

Conference called to order by moderator and open for new business.

On motion M. L. Baxley was re-appointed moderator for the next 2 years, with Rev. Angus Prevatte as Assistant Moderator.

On motion that Henry Edwards be re-appointed for clerk for the next 2 years with Mrs. Henry Edwards as Assistant Clerk.

Executive Board

Name	*Name of Church*
R. R. Shepherd	Mt. Calvary
J. O. Ganey	Pine Grove
H. Carver	Sandy Grove
J. P. Huffman	Highland Pines
John Paterson	Hickory Grove

Finance Board

Name	*Church*
R. R. Shepherd	Mt. Calvary
John Oliver	Hickory Grove
Jerry Budd	Sandy Grove
Lee Carpenter	Highland Pines
Ruth Jenkins	Mt. Moriah

Ordaining Council made a move to give J. B. Brown full fellowship of the Conference.

The next conference will be at Mt. Calvary Church, Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

Delegate for Pee Dee Association was M. L. Baxley.

Song: Blest Be the Tie.

Dismissed by Rufus Douglas.

We were very happy to have with us Friday, Rev. C. H. Coates. Four Oaks, N. C., Cape Fear Conference, and Rev. J. C. Rogers, Pee Dee Association, Box 22, Rockingham, N. C., and Rev. P. J. Parker of Peele's Chapel Wesleyan Methodist Church, Laurel Hill, N. C., and Bro. R. D. McLeod of the F. W. B. Orphanage, Midlesex, N. C.

Clerk's Note: I would like to thank all of you good people for your fine co-operation during the past two years I have tried to serve as your humble clerk.

May we pause just here and thank the good people for the great way they entertained us at Highland Pines.—Clerk.

Rev. M. L. Baxley, *Moderator*
W. H. Edwards, *Clerk*

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October 12th, 13th, 1951

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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J. H. Galloway, R. F. D., Lumberton, N. C.
Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
C. W. Bennett, Route 2, St. Pauls, N. C.
R. L. Clark, Hamlet, N. C.
A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C.
Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.
J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C.
Frank Sanford, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
George Langley, Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.
H. S. Clark, East Laurinburg, N. C.
C. B. Hopkins, Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.
Lynwood Bryant, Mills Rural Station, Rockingham, N. C.
J. F. Rogers, Box 22, Rockingham, N. C.

MINISTERS PRESENT

M. L. Baxley, George Langley, Angus Prevatte, Steve English, J. F. Rogers, C. B. Hopkins.

SICK EXCUSES

C. W. Bennett, J. H. Tyson, R. L. Clark, A. J. Pearson, H. S. Clark.

ORDAINING COUNCILORS

Revs. Steve English, George Langley, C. B. Hopkins, C. W. Bennett, and H. S. Clark.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

G. H. Carver, Chairman	Sandy Grove
Clyde Cox	Pine Grove
George Langley	Pine Grove
J. P. Huffman	Highland Pines
John Paterson	Hickory Grove

FINANCE COMMITTEE

G. H. Carver, Chm.	Sandy Grove
Clyde Cox	Pine Grove
Jerry Budd	Sandy Grove
Lee Carpenter	Highland Pines
Ruth Jenkins	Mt. Moriah

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Rev. M. L. Baxley	Moderator
Rev. Angus Prevatte	Asst. Moderator
Wm. H. Edwards	Secretary-Treasurer
Nellie Edwards	Asst. Secretary-Treasurer
	Route 1, Hope Mills, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Third Annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist met in session with the Mt. Calvary Church at Route 2, Hamlet, N. C., on Oct. 12th thru 13th, 1951.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song by congregation—"Standing on the Promises."

Song by congregation—"Are You Washed in the Blood."

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Devotions by Rev. A. F. Lawter, read from Revelations chapter 1.

The following visiting ministers were given a hearty welcome:

Rev. D. W. Hansley, Eastern Conference, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Western Conference, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Western Conference, Rev. Walter Carter, Piedmont Association, Rev. A. F. Lawter, Lockhart, S. C.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Devotional: Bro. H. P. Hodge, Chairman, Sister Nellie Edwards, Sister Mattie Norton.

Sabbath School: Bro. John Patterson, Chairman, Bro. G. H. Carver, Rev. Steve English.

Education: Bro. Wm. H. Edwards, Chairman, Bro. H. P. Hodge, Bro. Thomas Owens.

Orphanage: Bro. Jesse Lee, Chairman, Sister Lineze Johnson, Sister Nellie Edwards.

Missions: Rev. C. B. Hopkins, Chairman; Bro. W. E. Chavis, Sister D. L. Sports.

At this time the Promotional Secretary of the N. C. State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist, Rev. M. L. Johnson of Sims, N. C., made his report. Some of the high spots in his report were as follows:

District Conferences or Associations	Totals	9
Churches	"	306
Members	"	40,029
Ministers	"	324
Leagues	"	82
Womens Auxiliaries	"	199
Sunday Schools	"	251

Value of Free Will Baptist property in the State of North Carolina totals $2,483,258.63.

Rev. Johnson also stressed the need for all the churches to follow the Seven Point Program, especially donations for Superannuation, because our list of aged ministers is increasing, and there was only $5,526.11 collected last year to be distributed among our aged ministers.

Money or gifts for the four following purposes: Superannuation, Education, Church Finance Ass'n., and Cragmont, are to be mailed to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C., indicating the purpose for and the Conference and Church from which sent.

Motion was made to receive Rev. M. L. Johnson's report; motion seconded, Conference voted to receive the report.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant was requested to deliver the message during the morning worship hour.

Song by congregation: "Glory to His Name."

Moved and carried to adjourn for recess.

Dismissed by Rev. Walter Carter.

RECESS

Call to Worship.

Song by congregation: "I Am Thine O, Lord."

Song by congregation: "The Way of the Cross leads Home."

Prayer by Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Song: "There shall be Showers of Blessings."

Rev. R. N. Hinnant was introduced by Rev. M. L. Baxley.

Rev. Hinnant read from Romans chapter 4 using as a text verse 2. Theme of sermon "Justification." Rev. Hinnant brought a much needed and inspiring sermon, thoroughly explaining how we are justified before God and man, by our faith in Him, by our works we cause men to see that we do believe in God, and are willing therefore to work for Him.

Dismissed by prayer for lunch.

Lunch hour was enjoyed by all, making new acquaintances and renewing the old, accompanied by a fine Dinner, prepared by the members of Mt. Calvary Church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song by congregation: "Send the Light."

Song by congregation: "Jesus Saves."

Prayer by Bro. John Patterson.

Devotional by Rev. Angus Prevatte, reading 3rd chapter Colossians.

At this time, Rev. R. N. Hinnant made a talk, concerning our Press, the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N. C., urging us and all Free Will Baptist to use the facilities at Ayden thereby keeping the moneys used for literature and printing within the denomination, also asking those that were not already subscribers to The Free Will Baptist, to subscribe for it.

Rev. D. W. Hansley also spoke briefly on the Educational Program, mentioning the fact that there is a drive underway to organize a Free Will Baptist Junior College at Cragmont, to be known as The Mt. Allen Junior College and urged all to donate to this cause, which as Rev. Hansley ex-

plained, is essential to our denomination. The studies at this College are to be based on the standards of any Junior College of the nation, teaching both literary and religious education, thereby helping us to keep our young people Free Will Baptist minded. Send your donations to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Sims, N. C. (designated as follows: For Education, half to be sent to our College in Nashville, Tenn., half to be kept in N. C. for the above purpose.).

Moved and carried to accept Rev. R. N. Hinnant's and Rev. D. W. Hansley's reports.

Song by Rev. R. N. Hinnant: "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Letter from Piney Plains F. W. B. Church at Gibson, N. C., requesting membership with the Rockfish Conference, read by Clerk.

Moved and carried to receive Piney Plains as a member Church to the Rockfish Conference.

Moved and carried to accept the action of the Executive Committee for the previous year.

Song by congregation: "Stand up for Jesus." During this time the Right Hand of Fellowship was given to the delegates from Piney Plains Church.

Moved and carried to excuse the absence of the Ministers that are sick.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Steve English.

Friday evening services were held by Rev. D. W. Hansley.

SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 Song by congregation: "When I see the Blood."

Devotions by Rev. Steve English. Read 1st thru 9th verses of Ecclesiastes.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Rogers.

10:15 Discussions concerning Conference Treasury. Various ways were debated on how to raise money to be used by the conference other than for publication and Clerk's fee.

Moved and carried that each Pastor take this matter before his Church.

10:45 Rev. C. H. Coats of the Cape Fear Conference arrived about this time, accompanied by his wife. Both were very much welcomed by all.

Moved and carried to adjourn for a short recess. Dismissed by prayer.

11:00 Worship Hour.

Song: "Standing on the Promises."

Prayer by Bro. J. P. Huffman.

Song: "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Rev. M. L. Baxley arose to introduce Rev. C. H. Coats to those present that had not had the pleasure of meeting him, also called on Rev. Coats to bring the Morning Message.

Sermon by Rev. C. H. Coats. Rev. Coats read from 1st chapter St. John, using as a text the 5th verse. Subject: "The Light of the Church to the Darkened World." This message was enjoyed by all.

The doors of Mt. Calvary Church were opened for membership by the Pastor, Rev. Steve English.

Rev. J. F. Rogers was admitted by letter as a member, or under the watch care of the Church until his letter has been received from former Church.

Song: "Lord, I'm coming Home."

12:00 Dismissed by prayer.

Dinner was served on the Church grounds, as on the previous day. The dinner was enjoyed by all present.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:00 Song by congregation: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotional by Rev. C. B. Hopkins, reading the 139th Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. George Langley.

1:15 Business Session:

Report of Committees:

SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your Committee for Sabbath School, urge you to support your Sabbath School with your money and presence each Sabbath Day, encourage your children to attend Sabbath School regularly.

Bro. John Patterson, Chm.
Bro. G. H. Carver,
Rev. Steve English.

EDUCATION

We, your Committee for education, urgently request you to see that our Free Will Baptist Schools and Colleges of the past and future are supported sufficiently to train our people to enable them to teach God's Word better.

Bro. Wm. H. Edwards, Chm.,
Bro. H. P. Hodge,
Bro. Thomas Owens.

ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee for Orphanage, recommend that all our churches realize that the orphan children at our Orphanage Home are looking to us for their support. Let each one do their best for this worthy cause.

Bro. Jesse Lee, Chm.
Sister Nellie Edwards,
Sister Lineze Johnson.

MISSIONS

We, your Committee for Home and Foreign Missions, recommend that we continue to do every thing possible for this worthy cause.

Rev. C. B. Hopkins, Chm.
Bro. W. E. Chavis,
Sister Armaitha Sports.

Moved and carried to receive the reports of the Committees.

Call for Church Letters.

Mt. Moriah—Delegates: Mrs. Mattie Norton, Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Miss Bernice Norton; State of religion, Good; Members received past 12 months, 1; Total Membership, 23; Condition of Sunday School, Fair; Average No. of pupils, 25; No. of Officers, 3; No. of Teachers, 3; Paid Pastor $305.00; Paid Evangelist $71.00; Orphanage $39.00; Foreign Mission $34.00; Building and Repairs $71.00; Lights $12.00; Literature $15.34; Enclosed for Minutes $10.00; Money received this year $654.62; Money spent $612.59; Balance $32.03; Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Mattie Norton. The Church of Mt. Moriah request the sitting of the Conference of 1952 with us.

Pine Grove—State of Religion, Good; Members received this year, 22; Baptized 11; Dismissed 6; Died 1; Total membership 130; Condition of Prayer Meeting, Good; Condition of Sunday School, Good; Average No. of pupils 115; No. of Officers 3, No. of Teachers 7; Paid Pastor $3,360.00; Paid Evangelist $435.00; Home Mission $395.30; Foreign Mission $183.49; Building and Repairs $4,292.78; For Education $121.50; For Publication $9.50; Enclosed for Minutes $5.00; Minister belonging to our church, Rev. Geo. Langley; Pastor's Name, Rev. Geo. Langley, M. R. S., Rockingham, N. C.; Clerk, Mrs. Viola Riddle. Total Value of property of church $17,500.00.

Sandy Grove—Delegates: Thomas Owens, Sister Nellie Edwards, Sister Lineze Johnson; State of Religion, Good; Members Received past 3 months 4; Baptized 2; Dismissed 0; Died 0;Total Membership 65; Condition of Prayer Meeting, Good; Condition of Sunday School, Good; Average No. of Pupils 45; No. of officers 4; No. of Teachers 4; Paid Pastor $219.36; Paid Evangelist $75.00; Home Mission $10.00; Foreign Mission $6.00; Building and Repairs $302.50; For Publication $16.00; Enclosed for Minutes $5.00. Ministers Belonging to our Church: Rev. A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C.; Rev. J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C. Pastor's Name, Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.; Clerk, Ellen Thames.

Highland Pines—Delegates: Bro. J. P. Huffman, Bro. Jack Skipper, Bro. Lee Carpenter; State of Religion, Good; Members Received for year 26; Baptized 8, Dismissed 5; Total Membership 76; Condition of Prayer Meeting, Good; Condition of Sunday School, Good; Average No. of Pupils 98; No. of Teachers 6; Paid Pastor $1,355.83; Paid Evangelist $235.00; Home Mission $134.00; Foreign Mission $19.36; Building and Repairs $1,500.00; For Orphanage $120.66; For Church expenses $621.77; Enclosed for Minutes $5.00; Retired Ministers $19.36. Minister belonging to our

Church: Rev. Frank Sandford, Hamlet, N. C., Rt. 2. Pastor's Name, Lynwood Bryant, East Rockingham, N. C. Clerk, Mrs. E. R. Covington.

Mount Calvary—Delegates: Ralph Sheppard, Sister Lilly Starnes, Sister Ethelyne Sheppard; State of Religion, Good; Members Received past 3 months 17; Baptized 4; Dismissed 2; Total Membership 40; Condition of Prayer Meeting, Fair; Condition of Sunday School, Good; Average No. of Pupils 60; No. of Officers 6, No. of Teachers 4; Paid Pastor $384.68; Paid Evangelist $75.00; Home Mission $65.50; Foreign Mission $14.00; Building and Repairs $175.00; For Education $120.00; Enclosed for Minutes $5.00; Orphanage $50.00; Paid Out $889.18; Balance in treasury $250.30; Total $1,139.48. Minister belonging to our Church: Rev. Steve English. Pastor's Name, Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C. Clerk, Ralph Sheppard.

Hickory Grove—Delegates: Sisters, Avy Jane Lee, Armaitha Sports; State of Religion, Good; Members Received past 3 months 1; Condition of Sunday School, Good; Average No. of Pupils 45; No. Officers 2; No. of Teachers 3; Paid Pastor $69.88; Paid Evangelist $19.50; Building and Repairs $47.50; Enclosed for Minutes $5.00. Ministers belonging to our Church: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.; C. B. Hopkins, Rockingham, N. C. Pastor's Name, C. B. Hopkins, Rockingham, N. C. Clerk, Nannie Lee Ray. Value of Church property $2,500.

Piney Plains—Delegates: Will Jacobs, Sister Vertia Grooms; State of Religion, Good; Condition of Prayer Meeting, Good; Condition of Sunday School, Good; No. of Officers 3, No. of Teachers 3; Enclosed for Minutes $5.00. Pastor's Name, C. B. Hopkins, Mills R. Sta., Rockingham, N. C. Clerk, Will Jacobs. We would like the prayers of all the churches that our church, Piney Plains, may grow in grace and love for all God loving people.

Eastside—For Minutes $1.45. No Report.

Bethel—We the members of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church met in Conference, Sunday, October 7. We appoint as delegates to the Association: Sisters Inez Himlaw and Lillie Mae Tatum. We pray you to receive them to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. Our Sunday School is good. We are sending $5.00 for funds. Rev. J. H. Galloway, Pastor; Lillie Mae Tatum, Clerk.

Moved and carried to receive Church Letters.

Rev. J. F. Rogers requested membership with the Rockfish Conference; moved and carried to receive Rev. Rogers as a member, pending receipt of letter from former association.

Bro. R. R. Shepard handed in his resignation from the Executive and Finance Committee. Moved and carried to accept Bro. Shepard's resignation.

Moved and carried to appoint Bro. G. H. Carver of Route 1, Hope Mills, N. C., to fill the vacancy caused by Bro. Shepard's resignation.

Moved and carried to appoint Rev. George Langley to the Executive Committee to replace Bro. G. H. Carver's seat as member, for Bro. Carver to accept Chairmanship of the Executive Committee.

Delegates from Mount Moriah asked that the next session be held at their Church. Moved and carried for the 44th Annual Session of the Rockfish Conference to be held with the Mount Moriah Original Free Will Baptist Church at Hamlet, N. C., on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1952.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the good people of Mt. Calvary Church for the hospitality shown us during this session.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer.

Rev. M. L. Baxley, Moderator
Wm. H. Edwards, Sec.-Treas.
Route 1
Hope Mills, N. C.

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R. L. Clark, Hamlet, N. C.
A. J. Pearson, St. Paul, N. C.
J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C.
Frank Sanford, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
J. W. Sanford, East Rockingham, N. C.
H. S. Clark, East Laurinburg, N. C.
~~J. C. Rogers, Box 22, Rockingham, N. C.~~
R. R. Sheppard, ~~Route 2,~~ Hamlet, N. C.

LICENTIATES

~~W. F. McQuage~~, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
J. A. Atkinson, 403 S. King St., Fayetteville, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Revs. J. W. Sanford, Chairman; Angus Prevatte; and R. L. Clark.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. C. B. HOPKINS	Chairman and Moderator
REV. ANGUS PREVATTE	Clerk
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G. H. CARVER	Sandy Grove Church
J. P. HUFFMAN	Highland Pines Church
W. F. McQUAGE	Highland Pines Church

CHURCHES – CHURCH CLERK & ADDRESS

SANDY GROVE—Mrs. Ellen Thames, Rt. 1, Parkton, N. C.
HICKORY GROVE—Mrs. Ed Bryant, Rt. 3, Fayetteville, N. C.
MOUNT MORIAH—Mrs. H. L. Norton, Hamlet, N. C.
HIGHLAND PINES—Mrs. E. R. Covington, Rt. 2, Hamlet, N. C.
MOUNT CALVARY—Doris Hearne (Write to Rev. J. W. Sanford, East Rockingham, N. C.)
PINE GROVE—(Correspondence should be sent to Rev. Clyde Cox, M. R. S., Rockingham, N. C.)
EASTSIDE—Mrs. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.
BETHEL—Rev. J. H. Galloway, R. F. D., Lumberton, N. C.
BETHLEHEM—(Write Rev. H. S. Clark, East Rockingham, N. C.)
PINEY PLAINS—(Write Rev. R. R. Sheppard, Rt. 2, Hamlet, N. C.)
ST. JOHN—(Write Rev. Steve English, Rt. 2, Hamlet, N. C.)

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Fourth Annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina, met in session with the Mount Moriah Church at Hamlet, N. C., on October 10 through 11, 1952.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song by congregation—"Are You Washed In the Blood."

Devotions by Rev. Winford Floyd, reading the second chapter of Hebrews.

The Welcome Address was given by Rev. Angus Prevatte, pastor of host church.

The delegates to the conference were recognized as follows: Margaret Mathis, Jerry Budd, Lee Carpenter, W. F. Peele, Ava Jane Lee, and Will Jacobs. Also recognized were the ordained and licensed ministers, members of standing committees, and the officers of the conference.

A roll call of ministers was made with the following being present: Revs. M. L. Baxley, C. B. Hopkins, Angus Prevatte, Steve English, R. L. Clark, H. S. Clark, J. W. Sanford, J. C. Rogers, Clyde Cox, W. F. McQuage, and J. A. Atkinson. Rev. M. L. Johnson of the Western Conference, was a most welcome visitor with us the first day.

The first order of business was a motion to appoint a committee to draw up a constitution to fit the needs of the conference, but not to read contrary to our State Treatise. This motion was carried that the committee be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and two others to be elected from the delegates present. They were, Rev. Winford Floyd and Brother W. F. Peele.

At this time the Devotional Committee was appointed consisting of: Brothers Jesse Lee, Chairman; Pat Hodge; and W. L. Peele.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, Promotional Secretary for the State of North Carolina, made his report at this time. From his report, we learned that we, as Free Will Baptists, did fairly well, state-wide, only in Superannuation are we short of the needs. Superannuation is a very deserving part of our program.

A motion was moved and carried that we adjourn for recess.

Eleven o'clock Worship Hour.

Rev. J. A. Atkinson was requested by the Devotional Committee to preach for us.

Song by congregation—"Saviour, More Than Life To Me."

Song by Congregation—"Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Sermon by Rev. J. A. Atkinson, using as his text Romans 5:1.

Rev. Angus Prevatte, host pastor, welcomed everyone to lunch served by the host church.

Rev. Winfred Floyd dismissed the congregation with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song by congregation—"Help Somebody Today."

Prayer by Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. M. L. Johnson, reading from the Book of Revelations.

At this time the report of the Executive Board was read as follows:

We, the Executive Committee of the Rockfish Conference, met with Brother J. W. Sanford on August 30, 1952, concerning his status with the conference. Rev. Stanford requested that he be re-instated. The Executive Board elected to re-instate Rev. Sanford in good fellowship with the Rockfish Conference with all rights belonging to an ordained minister.

We also discussed the situation that prevailed at the Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Rockingham, N. C. We did there, declare that the pastor, Rev. George Langley, be no longer a minister of good standing in the Rockfish Conference and no longer the pastor of Pine Grove Church.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Executive Board's report.

Rev. H. S. Clark brought a letter from the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church asking to be recognized by the Rockfish Conference. A lengthy discussion followed the reading of this letter which was later accepted.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn after being dismissed by prayer.

The Friday evening worship services were omitted.

SATURDAY MORNING

The conference opened at ten o'clock by the congregation singing, "Camping in Canaan's Land."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Walter Carter.

The following visiting ministers were recognized for the second day: Revs. Walter Carter, Noah Brown, and John Newton, all of the Piedmont Association.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. John Newton, reading for his Scripture, John 14:1-10.

Appointment of Committees

Sabbath Schools: Revs. Steve English, Chairman; H. S. Clark; and C. B. Hopkins.

Education: Mrs. Nellie Edwards, Chairman; Rev. Winford Floyd; and Mrs. Ava Jane Lee.

Orphanage: W. F. Peele, Chairman, and Jerry Budd.

Missions: Rev. J. A. Atkinson, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Sanford; and J. P. Huffman.

Superannuation: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Mathis; and Lee Carpenter.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn for recess after being dismissed by prayer.

Eleven o'clock Worship Hour.

Song by congregation—"I'll Live in Glory."

Song by congregation—"It Won't Be Very Long." Led by Rev. W. F. McQuage.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. F. McQuage.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Rogers using as his text, II Chronicles 15:1.

Dismissed for lunch by prayer offered by Rev. Noah Brown.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song by congregation—"When We All Get to Heaven."

Prayer by Brother Thomas Owens.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. F. McQuage, reading for his Scripture, Acts 22.

The following churches reported by letter:

Mount Calvary—Delegate, W. F. Peele. State of religion, fair; members received past 3 months, 11; baptized, 2; dismissed, 5; total membership 53. Condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 55; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5. Paid pastor $280.00; paid evangelist $95.00; buildings and repairs $25.00; enclosed for minutes $5.00. Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. J. W. Sanford and Rev. J. C. Rogers of Rockingham, N. C. Pastor's name, Rev. J. W. Sanford, East Rockingham, N. C.

REV. J. W. SANFORD, Moderator
DORIS HEARNE, Clerk

Highland Pines—Delegate, Brother Lee Carpenter. State of religion, good; members received past 3 months, 12; baptized, 9; total membership, 95. Condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 90; number of teachers, 6. Paid pastor $2,384.22; paid evangelist, $457.23; Home Missions $64.72; Foreign Mission $28.45; building and repairs $931.83; orphan home $72.57; for publications $994.60; paid on parsonage $970.45; enclosed for minutes $5.00; total paid out $5,909.07. Ministers belong to our church are Revs. Frank McQuage (Licensed) and Frank Sanford, both of Hamlet, N. C., Route 2. Pastor's name, Rev. Winfred Floyd, Hamlet, N. C. ,Route 2.

REV. WINFRED FLOYD, Moderator
MRS. E. R. COVINGTON, Clerk

Hickory Grove—Delegate, Jesse Lee. State of religion, good; members received past 3 months, 2; baptized, 1; dismissed, 3 by letter; total membership, 34. Condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of offiicers, 2; number of teachers, 3. Paid pastor $125.00; paid evangelist $26.00; building and repairs $53.75; enclosed for minutes $5.00. Ministers belonging to our church are Rev. C. B. Hopkins, Rockingham, N. C., and Rev. J. A. Atkinson, 403 S. King Street, Fayetteville, N. C. Pastor's name, Rev. J. A. Atkinson.

REV. J. A. ATKINSON, Moderator
ED BRYANT, Clerk

Remarks: We have called Rev. J. A. Atkinson for our pastor for the coming year, and recommend him to the association for ordaination. We have preaching services each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. We have F. W. B. League each Sunday at 6:45 p. m.

Sandy Grove—Delegates, Jerry Budd; Thomas Owens; and Sister Nellie Edwards. State of religion, good; members received past 3 months, 7; baptized, 5; total membership, 58. Condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 3. Paid pastor $206.06; paid evangelist $61.72; building and repairs $500.00; for publications $16.00; orphanage $60.00; enclosed for minutes $5.00. Ministers belong to our church are, Revs. Angus Prevatte and J. H. Tyson, both of Raeford, N. C.; and Rev. A. J. Pearson of St. Paul, N. C. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte.

REV. ANGUS PREVATTE, Moderator
MRS. ELLEN THAMES, Clerk

Mount Moriah—Delegates, Sisters Margaret Mathis and Ada Watts. State of religion, good; members died, 1; total membership, 23. Condition of Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 28; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 3. Paid pastor $389.00; paid evangelist $75.00; orphanage $55.00; Foreign Mission $25.00; superannuation $10.00; Cragmont $10.00; enclosed for minutes $10.00; miscellaneous $139.87; cash on hand $64.63. Minister belonging to our church, Rev. R. L. Clark, Hamlet, N. C. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte.

REV. ANGUS PREVATTE, Moderator
MRS. H. L. NORTON, Clerk

Bethlehem—Delegates, Brothers Frank Hunt and James Smith and Sister Esther Smith. We, the members of Bethlehem Church, are at peace one with another. We have preaching once a month by our pastor, Rev. H. S. Clark, having called him to serve us for the year 1953. We have received one member by baptism this year. We have paid our pastor $162.30 for the year. We enclose $5.00 for minute fund. We ask the prayers of the conference.

REV. H. S. CLARK, Moderator
ESTHER SMITH, Clerk

Eastside—No written report.

Bethel—No written report.

Pine Grove—No written report.

Piney Plains—No written report.

St. John—Delegates could not come, report sent in. State of religion, good; members received for year, 12; baptized, 6; dismissed, 2; total membership, 87. Condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 70; number of teachers, 4. Paid pastor $312.05; paid evangelist $50.00; missions $35.10; visiting pastors, Brother H. S. Clark, $70.06; Reverend Rogers, $6.26; Bible for church $20.00; loose offerings $20.00; enclosed for minutes $5.00; total money spent $657.21. Pastor's name, Rev. Steve English.

REV. STEVE ENGLISH, Moderator
MRS. W. M. MYERS, Clerk

A motion was made and carried to accept the church letters.

Prayer was rendered by Rev. Walter Carter.

Report of the Ordaining Council is as follows:

March 29, 1952—We recommended Brother R. R. Sheppard to be licensed to preach by Mount Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. We could not agree on Brother W. E. Chavis of Piney Plains Church.

June 28, 1952—We ordained one licensed minister and recommended two others for licenses to their church.

Rev. Lynwood Bryant gave up his credentials because of change of denominations. Rev. George Langley was relieved of his credentials because of denial of our faith.

This is the report of your Ordaining Council's work for 1952. Some is good and some is disappointing. We are praying that you accept it as written.

Yours in Christ,
REV. STEVE ENGLISH, Chairman
REV. H. S. CLARK
REV. C. B. HOPKINS

A motion was made and carried that the Ordaining Council's report be accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions—We, the Mission Committee, recommend that we first take care of our home missions in all of its benevolent needs, such as to support our home Bible schools and promoting a higher Christian standard for our churches and communities.

J. W. SANFORD
J. P. HUFFMAN

Orphanage—We, your Committee for Orphanage, recommend that all our churches realize that the orphan children at our home are looking to us for their support. Let each one of us do their best for this cause.

JERRY BUDD
W. F. PEELE

Superannuation—We, the Committee on Superannuation, do recommend that each church take in consideration the great need of our retired Brothers and do our best for them.

MRS. MARGARET MATHIS
LEE CARPENTER
ANGUS PREVATTE

Education—We, your Committee on Education, urgently request you to see that our Free Will Baptist schools and colleges of the past and future are supported sufficiently to train our people to enable them to teach God's Word better.

NELLIE EDWARDS
AVA JANE LEE

Sabbath Schools—We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, urge you to support your Sabbath School with your money and presence each Sabbath Day. Encourage your children to attend Sabbath School regularly.

STEVE ENGLISH
H. S. CLARK
C. B. HOPKINS

A motion was made and carried to adopt the committee's report.

A motion was made and carried to elect the officers of the Rockfish Conference for the next two years as follows:

~~Rev. C. B. Hopkins~~ J. W. Sanford		Moderator
J. W. Sanford	Steve English	Assistant Moderator
Angus Prevatte	W. H. Edwards, Asst.	Secretary
Mrs. H. L. Norton		Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES

Ordaining Council: Revs. J. W. Sanford, Chairman; Angus Prevatte; and R. L. Clark.

Executive Board: To include the officers of the conference with the exception of the Treasurer, plus three other persons as follows: Brothers G. H. Carver, J. P. Huffman, and Rev. W. F. McQuage.

No Finance Committee was named at this session.

At this time, Rev. M. L. Baxley requested his letter be given him from the Rockfish Conference. A motion was made and carried that such a letter be granted.

The Treasurer gave the following report:

Money received for 1951 & 52	$64.33
Money disbursed	59.95
Balance	$ 4.38

WM. H. EDWARDS, Sec. & Treas.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

At this time the retiring Secretary and Treasurer took the privilege to thank the Rockfish Conference and its people for the honor of serving them for the past six years, and will in the future serve again if it becomes necessary.

The Fifty-Fifth Session of the Rockfish Conference will, by the Grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, be held with Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1953.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the people of Mount Moriah Church for the hospitality shown to the members and delegates of the Rockfish Conference and their visitors.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn after being dismissed by prayer.

REV. C. B. HOPKINS, Moderator
REV. ANGUS PREVATTE, Secretary

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Revs. J. W. Sanford, Angus Prevatte, and R. L. Clark.

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Rev. J. W. Sanford	*Chairman*
Rev. Angus Prevatte	*Assistant Chairman*
Rev. J. A. Atkinson	Hickory Grove Church
G. H. Carver	Sandy Grove Church
J. P. Huffman	Highland Pines Church

CHURCHES—Church Clerk and Address

Mount Moriah—Mrs. H. L. Norton, Hamlet, N. C.
Sandy Grove—Mrs. Ellen Thames, Route 1, Parkton, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Mr. Ed Bryant, Route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.
Highland Pines—Mrs. E. R. Covington, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Mount Calvary—Mr. Dannie Sanford. (Write to Rev. J. W. Sanford, Route 1, Rockingham, N. C.)
Bethlehem—(Write to Rev. H. S. Clark, Route 1, Gibson, N. C.)
Piney Plains—(Write to Rev. R. R. Sheppard, P. O. Box 284, Hamlet, N. C.)
St. John—(Write to Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.)

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Fifth annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of North Carolina, met in session with Hickory Grove Church near Rockfish Station, Cumberland County, N. C., on October 9 and 10, 1953.

FRIDAY MORNING

Song by congregation—"Sunshine in the Soul."

Prayer by Rev. W. B. Raper.

Song by congregation—"Blessed Assurance."

In the absence of Rev. J. W. Sanford, Moderator, members present elected Rev. Angus Prevatte to act as Moderator; also elected Brother W. H. Edwards to serve as Clerk for first day of session.

The delegates present for the first day were as follows: Mrs. Neil Jackson and Mrs. Nellie Edwards of Sandy Grove Church; Mrs. Georgia Maness and Mrs. Ruth Jenkins of Mt. Moriah Church; and Mr. Jessie Lee of Hickory Grove Church.

At this time the moderator welcomed the visiting ministers who were as follows: Rev. W. B. Raper and Rev. C. B. Craddock of the Central Conference.

A Devotional Committee was appointed as follows: Brothers H. P. Hodges, Jessie Lee, and Roy Johnson.

Rev. Angus Prevatte gave the report of the Ordaining Council as follows: Received one application for the ministry: Mr. Joe David Liles of Highland Pines.

The Devotional Committee requested Rev. C. B. Craddock to preach at eleven o'clock.

Rev. W. B. Raper, who was chosen as our Promotional Secretary for the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, by our State Convention at its last session, gave a talk mostly concerning his new duties, and also requesting our support which he justly deserves. Brother, Raper, requested each church to send a delegate to the next session of the N. C. State Convention which meets at our Orphanage at Midldesex, N. C., September 1954. He also asked the Rockfish Conference to send a member of its Ordaining Council to a future meeting of one minister from each Conference to formulate a uniform examination for each candidate for the ministry to pass or answer satisfactorily before ordination by our denomination. Brother Raper stated that these men are supposed to consider only the principles of the Free Will Baptist doctrine and not to draw up an examination that would tend to discriminate against those that are handicapped by little or no literary education.

Rev. Angus Prevatte was elected to go to the meeting mentioned by Brother Raper. The conference also voted to bear the expenses of this trip.

Eleven O'Clock Worship Hour

Song by congregation—"Tell It to Jesus."

Prayer by Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Sermon by Rev. C. B. Craddock, reading from 2 Kings, fifth chapter, first through the fourteenth verses. Rev. Craddock brought a fine and timely message, warning people against self-exaltation, and urging people to accept the calling of Christ, no matter how humble.

Song by congregation—"Sweet By and By."

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. C. W. Bennett.

Dinner was served on the church grounds at the noon hour, and enjoyed by all present.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Songs by congregation—"Standing On the Promises," and "Stepping In the Light."

Prayer by Rev. C. W. Bennett.

Due to such a small attendance, the moderator asked those present to consider reducing conference days from two to one day.

The following committees were appointed at this time:

Resolution Committee: W. H. Edwards, Chairman; Mrs. Mattie Norton; Jessie Lee; and H. P. Hodges.

Credentials Committee: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Chairman; Mrs. Nellie Edwards; Roy Johnson; and Jessie Lee.

Song by congregation—"There Shall Be Showers of Blessings."

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer.

SECOND DAY

Saturday Morning

Song by congregation—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Atkinson.

Rev. R. R. Sheppard served as song leader, a job he can do wonderfully well.

Devotional reading, thirty-second Psalm by Rev. Sheppard.

Minutes of previous day's doings were read by clerk. Moved and carried to adopt minutes as read.

Roll call of ministers present for the second day of the conference. Those present were as follows: Revs. Angus Prevatte, Steve English, C. W. Bennett, J. W. Sanford, R. R. Sheppard, Joe David Liles, and J. A. Atkinson.

Visiting ministers present for the second day were: Rev. M. L. Baxley of the Pee Dee Association and Rev. C. B. Hopkins of the Piedmont Association.

It is an urgent matter for all of our ministers to attend their annual conference, also for them to urge the members of the various churches to attend. With only one day to observe, truly this will not work a hardship on the most of us. Those of us who have means of conveyance, let us volunteer to bring someone. The main purpose of our conference is for the sister churches to band together for a short time for Christian fellowship, and to attend to what small matters of business that is at hand. Remember, my beloved brethren, though small in number we may be, large in the Spirit of Jesus Christ we can be if we'll only let Him be with us. We have ourselves to blame if we fall by the side of the road. Also remember that each and everyone of the sections of our United Program set up by our State Convention are Christian endeavors and deserves our support, to the best of our ability.—*Clerk.*

Committees were appointed as follows:

Sabbath School: Brothers Ander Ratley and Dannie Sanford.

Education: Revs. J. A. Atkinson and R. R. Sheppard.

Orphanage: Brothers W. F. Peele and Jessie Lee.

Missions: Rev. Angus Prevatte and Mrs. Nellie Edwards.

Superannuation: Brother H. P. Hodges and Mrs. Dannie Sanford.

The Committees listed above are to report their recommendations to the conference at the next session, October 1954.

At this time the question of observing one day for conference was discussed. It was moved and carried to observe Saturday before the second Sunday in the month of October for purpose of holding conference, and to meet at 9:00 a. m.

It was moved and carried to abide by the Treatise of the N. C. State Convention

of Free Will Baptist as to church rules and regulations, also doctrines of Free Will Baptist denomination, etc.

Reason for above motion was that a question arose as to letters of dismission, transfers, and recommendation. As a band of people feel that all such matters are well covered by our State Treatise, and to save time and trouble, all we have to do is obtain a copy of the Treatise, then look and read and be lead accordingly.

Moved and carried to recess for fifteen minutes.

The Devotional Committee requested Rev. J. D. Liles to preach at the morning worship hour.

Song by congregation—"I Am Thine O Lord."

Prayer by Brother John Patterson.

Song leader, Rev. R. R. Sheppard.

The eleven o'clock worship service opened with a song by the congregation, "I Am Resolved."

Prayer by Rev. Steve English, followed by another song, "Take the Name of Jesus."

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Steve English, "Home, Sweet Home."

Sermon by Rev. J. D. Liles, reading for his text, St. Matthew 27:4. His subject was, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." A fine sermon, well delivered.

Rev. J. A. Atkinson, pastor of Hickory Grove, welcomed the congregation to stay for dinner.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Dinner served on the grounds at the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by congregation—"Let Him In."

Prayer by Rev. R. R. Sheppard.

Devotional reading by Rev. Steve English, reading St. John 15.

Song by congregation—"When We All Get to Heaven."

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Steve English.

Rev. Steve English was elected to serve as Assistant Moderator of the Rockfish Conference.

Rev. Joe David Liles was given the right hand of fellowship. Everyone present seemed very glad to have Rev. Liles as a member of the conference.

Moved and carried for Clerk to mail minutes to pastor of each church.

The following churches reported by letter:

Piney Plains: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with Hickory Grove Church, Raeford, North Carolina, October 10, 1953. We report by letter as follows: State of religion, good; members received past twelve months, 12; dismissed, 9; total membership, 28; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 70; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $88.18; paid evangelist, $137.35; building and repairs, $72.13; paid publication, $21.50; enclosed for minutes, $5.00; orphanage, $39.90.

Pastor, Rev. Ralph Sheppard, P. O. Box 284, Raeford, N. C.

Done by order of Piney Plains Church assembled in conference this first day of October, 1953.

RALPH SHEPPARD, *Moderator*
ANNIE HOMMANDS, *Clerk*

Mount Colvary: To the Rockfish Assoication of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Raeford, North Carolina, October 10, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved Brother and Sister Dannie Sanford, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past twelve months, 1; total membership, 38; 5; died, 2; total membership, 41; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, fair; number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $520.00; paid evangelist, $75.00; buildings and repairs, $3,000.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Pastor, Rev. James W. Sanford, Rockingham, N. C.

Done by order of Mount Calvary Church assembled in conference this fourth day of October, 1953.

Rev. J. W. Sanford, *Moderator*
Dannie Sanford, *Clerk*

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Raeford, North Carolina, October 10, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved brethren, Jessie Lee and Ed Bryant whom we pra you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; members received in past twelve months, 1; total membership, 38; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 1; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $327.90; paid evangelist, $46.48; building and repairs, $1,278.14; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church are J. H. Atkinson and J. A. Atkinson. Pastor, J. A. Atkinson, 403 S. King St., Fayetteville, N. C.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Church assembled in conference this fourth day of October 1953.

J. A. Atkinson, *Moderator*
Ed Bryant, *Clerk*

Remarks: We have called Rev. J. A. Atkinson for our pastor for the coming year. Our pastor has donated to our church $385.00.

Sandy Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Raeford, N. C., October 9 and 10, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved sisters Mrs. Neil Jackson, Mrs. Henry Edwards and Mrs. Raymond Johnson, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past twelve months, 1; total membership, 50; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $157.25; paid evangelist, $35.00; for publication, $16.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00. Ministers belonging to our church are, Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C., Rev. A. J. Pearson, and Rev. C. W. Bennett, both of St. Pauls, N. C. Pastor, Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Church assembled in conference this fourth day of October, 1953.

Rev. Angus Prevatte, *Moderator*
Mrs. Ellen Thames, *Clerk*

Bethlehem: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Raeford, North Carolina, October 9, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved brethren Frank Hunt and Thomas Hunt, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, fair; dismissed, 2; died, 1; total membership, 14.

Finance: Paid pastor, $182.40 and enclosed for minutes, $5.00. Minister belonging to our church is Rev. H. S. Clark, Route 1, Gibson, N. C.

Pastor, Rev. H. S. Clark, Route 1, Gibson, N. C.

Done by order of Bethlehem Church assembled in conference this third day of October, 1953.

Rev. H. S. Clark, *Moderator*
Albentias Hunt, *Clerk*

Remarks: We have called Rev. H. S. Clark to serve as pastor for the year of 1954.

Highland Pines: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Raeford, North Carolina, October 9 and 10, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved Sister Stella English and Brother Dewey Wilson, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past twelve months, 6; baptized, 6; total membership, 91; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 85; number of teachers, 6. Finances: Paid pastor, $3,385.00; paid evangelist, $150.00; Home Mission, est., $200.00; building and repairs, est., $3,000.00; for education, $39.40; for publication, $150.00. Ministers belonging to our church are, Rev. Frank Sandford, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C., and Rev. David Liles, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Pastor, Wintford Floyd, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of Highland Pines Church assembled in conference August, 1953.

Rev. Wintford Floyd, *Moderator*
Mrs. E. R. Covington, *Clerk*

Remarks: We have sent $5.00 to each conference annually and quarterly, however, we have not received any minutes for last year.

Mount Moriah: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists which convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Raeford, North Carolina, October 9 and 10, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters Georgia Maness and Ruth Jenkins, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; total membership, 22; condition of Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils, 25; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $315.57; paid evangelist, $88.85; building and repairs, $63.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00; orphanage, $10.00. Minister belonging to our church is, Rev. R. L. Clark, Route 1, Hamlet, N. C. Pastor, Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.

Done by order of Mount Moriah Church assembled in conference this twenty-seventh day of September, 1953.

Rev. Angus Prevatte, *Moderator*
Mrs. H. L. Norton, *Clerk*

St. John: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Hickory Grove Church, at Raeford, North Carolina, October 10, 1953. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters Robin McLain and Mary Lizzie McLain, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations. Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past twelve months, 3; baptized, 1; died, 1; total membership, 80; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 68; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $338.87; paid evangelist, $62.00; home mission, $30.00; orphanage, $30.00; building and repairs, $100.00; for education, $20.00; church expenses, $150.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00. Ministers belonging to our church

are, Rev. George W. Hucstess, Route 1, Patrick, S. C., and Rev. Jessie Brown, Route 2, Chesterfield, S. C. Pastor, Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of St. John Church assembled in conference this tenth day of October, 1953.

REV. STEVE ENGLISH, *Moderator*.
SISTER W. M. MYERS, *Clerk*

Remarks: We are proud of our church, and the valuation is $10,000.00. Total money passed through our church, $880.81. Treasure $200.00.

Moved and carried to accept church letters as read by Clerk.

At this time an offering was taken for Superannuation, which came to $10.10, of which $10.00 was sent to our Promotional Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Ordaining Council: Revs. J. W. Sanford, Chairman; Angus Prevatte; and R. L. Clark.

Executive Board: Revs. J. W. Sanford, Angus Prevatte, J. A. Atkinson, Brothers G. H. Carver, and J. P. Hoffman.

OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE

REV. J. W. SANFORD ..... *Moderator*
REV. STEVE ENGLISH ..... *Assistant Moderator*
MRS. H. L. NORTON ..... *Treasurer*
WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, Route 1, Hope Mills, North Carolina ..... *Secretary*

The Forty-Sixth annual session of the Rockfish Conference, will by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, convene with Mount Calvary F. W. B. Church, Hamlet, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1954.

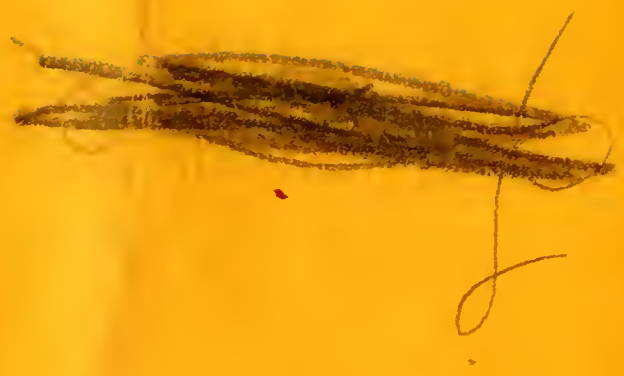
Closing song—"Send the Light."

Each and everyone present this year really enjoyed the meeting, and I am sure appreciated the hospitality shown by Hickory Grove Church.—*Clerk.*

Moved and carried to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer by Brother W. F. Peele.

REV. J. W. SANFORD, *Moderator*
W. H. EDWARDS, *Clerk*



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Assistant Moderator, Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Secretary, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Route 1, Hope Mills, N. C.
Treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Norton, Hamlet, N. C.

CHURCHES – CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Sandy Grove—Mrs. Ellen Thames, Route 1, Parkton, N. C.
Mt. Moriah—Mrs. Mattie Norton, Hamlet, N. C.
Highland Pines—Mrs. E. R. Covington, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Mr. Ed Bryant, Route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.
St. John—Mrs. W. M. Myers, Patrick, S. C.
Mt. Calvary—Mr. Danny Sanford.
Bethlehem—Albentia Hunt (Write Rev. H. S. Clark, Route 1, Gibson, N. C.)

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Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. J. D. Liles, P. O. Box 321, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. R. R. Sheppard, P. O. Box 284, Hamlet, N. C.
Mr. H. P. Hodges, Route 2, Box 42, Hamlet, N. C. (Deacon)

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Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C. (Assistant Chairman)
Mr. Wm. H. Edwards, Route 1, Hope Mills, N. C.
Rev. J. D. Liles, P. O. Box 321, Hamlet, N. C.
Mr. Wesley McLain, Route 2, Patrick, S. C.

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Sabbath School

Rev. J. D. Liles, P. O. Box 321, Hamlet, N. C. (Chairman)
Mr. Jesse Lee, Route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.

Education

Mrs. Bernice Norton, 622 Washington Avenue, Hamlet, N. C. (Chairman)
Mrs. Stella English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Orphanage

Mr. Wesley McLain, Route 2, Patrick, S. C. (Chairman)
Mrs. Mattie Norton, Hamlet, N. C.

Missions

Rev. Angus Prevatte, 420 West Donaldson Avenue, Raeford, N. C. (Chairman)
Rev. J. W. Sanford, Route 1, Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.

Superannuation

Doris Hearne, Route 2, Box 94, Rockingham, N. C. (Chairman)
Rev. W. M. Lovick, Cumberland Mills, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Sixth Annual Session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the state of North Carolina met with Mount Calvary Church, Richmond County, Hamlet, N. C., on October 9, 1954.

MORNING SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Reverend J. W. Sanford, at 9:30 a. m.

Song by the congregation—"Just as I Am."

Prayer—Reverend Angus Prevatte.

Song by the congregation—"I Feel Like Traveling On."

Fellowship was enjoyed by all present by greeting and shaking of hands.

Visiting ministers were recognized and made welcome. They were as follows: Reverend Paul Brown, Piedmont; Rev. J. C. Rogers, Piedmont; Reverend C. B. Hopkins, Piedmont; Reverend A. C. Alford, Pee Dee; Reverend W. R. Floyd, Piedmont.

The roll was called of ministers belonging to the Rockfish Conference, and those present were: Angus Prevatte, Steve English, R. L. Clark, J. W. Sanford, R. R. Sheppard, and J. D. Liles.

The following delegates were present: Reverend W. R. Floyd, Sister Bernice Norton, Brother Hubert Norton, Sister Ada Norton, Sister Wesley McLain, and Sister Ruth Jenkins.

Reverend C. B. Hopkins read Psalm 139 as a devotional Bible reading.

The moderator appointed the Devotional Committee as follows: Mrs. Wesley McLain, Mrs. Mattie Norton, and Reverend Steve English.

Reverend W. R. Floyd, delegate from the Highland Pines Church, spoke at this time of his trip to the State Convention. Reverend Floyd also stated that our quota of funds to be raised for our orphanage this next year was the sum of $1,000.00. He urged the pastors of the churches and everyone to get out and fight to put this cause over the top.

The Devotional Committee reported as follows:

We, the Devotional Committee, request that Reverend W. R. Floyd preach at the morning worship hour.

A motion was made and carried that the clerk notify the various committees to have their reports ready for the next session with the following amendment: The clerk must notify each committee not less than thirty days before next conference.

Reverend R. R. Sheppard reported that Piney Plains Church had withdrawn themselves from the Rockfish Conference and requested that the name of the church be removed from the roster of the Rockfish Conference.

A motion was made and carried that Piney Plains Church be removed from our list of churches this ninth day of October, 1954.

A motion was made and carried that each church clerk write to the Conference clerk and give the evaluation of its church property, this action to be taken before the minutes are published so that the information could be included as information for state and national statistics.

A motion was made and carried to reduce the fee paid the clerk from $15.00 per year to $10.00 per year (Requested by present clerk).

The treasurer reported as follows:

Collections from churches		$45.00
Collection at Conference for superannuation, Oct. 10, 1953		10.10
Total collections		$55.10
Paid clerk	$15.00	
Paid for minutes and postage	35.34	
Paid to superannuation	10.00	
Total paid out		$60.34

A call was made for church letters, and letters from the following churches were read: Mount Moriah, Mount Calvary, Bethlehem, Sandy Grove, St. John, Highland Pines, and Hickory Grove.

A motion was made and carried that the letters be received as read (See church letters).

At this time the conference was recessed until 11:00 a.m.

Song by the congregation—"When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

Prayer—Reverend Paul Brown.

Song by the congregation—"What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Sermon— Reverend W. R. Floyd from Job 23:10. His topic was: "Seemingly We Have Lost; However, We Have Won." Reverend Floyd sang what he said was his favorite song: "I'd Rather Have Jesus." He sang the song well, and delivered a wonderful sermon.

Song by the congregation—"Stand By Me."

The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by W. H. Edwards.

A very fine lunch was served at the church. The conference thanks those who gave time and goods to make the dinner possible.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The conference reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Song by the congregation—"When We All Get to Heaven."

Prayer—Brother Jesse Lee.

Devotional Bible reading—Reverend J. D. Liles read Ephesians 2.

A motion was made, amended and carried as follows: A program be made and followed at our next session, the executive committee making the program.

Officers were elected (See Officers).

The Executive Committee was elected (See Executive Board).

The Ordaining Council was elected (See Ordaining Council).

At this time the request of Reverend J. A. Atkinson was brought before the conference. Reverend Atkinson was not present but Reverend Steve English, Reverend R. R. Sheppard, and Brother Jesse Lee all stated that Reverend Atkinson requested that his name be removed from the list of ministers belonging to the Rockfish Conference.

A motion was made and carried that the name of Reverend J. A. Atkinson be removed from our roll of ministers.

Brother W. M. Lovick of Cumberland Mills, N. C., after passing the requirements necessary to become a Free Will Baptist minister, was ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands by the ministers of the ordaining council present. Reverend W. M. Lovick was given his Certificate of Ordination, October 9, 1954.

A motion was made and carried to accept invitation extended by the delegates from St. John Church to hold the next session of the Conference at St. John Church.

The forty-seventh annual session of the Rockfish Conference will, by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, convene with St. John Free Will Baptist Church, Patrick, S. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1955.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The body was dismissed with prayer by Reverend Paul Brown.

CHURCH LETTERS

Mt. Moriah: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Mt. Calvary Church at Hamlet, N. C., October 9, 1954, we send as delegates our beloved sisters, Ruth Jenkins and Bernice Norton, with Hubert

Norton as alternate, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, good; number died, 2; total membership, 20; condition of Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils, 25; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: paid pastor, $229.25; foreign missions, $11.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00; paid orphanage, $58.00; paid superannuation, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Reverend R. L. Clark, Route 1, Hamlet, N. C.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. J. W. Sanford, Airport Rd., Rockingham, N. C.

Done by order of conference this third day of October, 1954.

Reverend David Liles, Moderator.
Mrs. Mattie Norton, Clerk.

Mt. Calvary: To the Rockfish Conference (Association) of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Mt. Calvary Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 9, 1954, we send as delegates our beloved sisters, Ada Norton and Viola Ford, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, good; members received this year, 3; total membership, 56; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: paid pastor, $480.00; paid evangelist, $75.00; paid for building and repairs, $360.00; paid for publication, $8.00; amount enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Pastor's name and address: Reverend J. W. Sanford, 911 Airport Road, Rockingham, N. C.

Ministers belonging to our church: Ralph Shennard and Thomas Williams.

Done by order of Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in conference this eighteenth day of September, 1954.

Reverend J. W. Sanford, Moderator.
Dannie Sanford, Clerk.

Bethlehem: To the Rockfish Conference (Annual Conference) of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Mount Calvary Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 9, 1954, we send as delegates our beloved brethren, Frank and Thomas Hunt, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, fair; members received past three months, 1; died, 1; total membership, 14.

Finances: paid pastor, $234.30; enclosed for minutes, $2.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. H. S. Clark, Gibson, N. C.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. H. S. Clark, Gibson, N. C.

Done by order of Bethlehem Church in conference this second day of October, 1954.

Remarks: We have called the Rev. H. S. Clark to serve as pastor for the year of 1955.

Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator.
Albentia Hunt, Clerk.

Sandy Grove: To the Rockfish Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Mt. Calvary Church at Hamlet, N. C., October 9, 1954, we send as delegates our beloved brother, Jerry Budd, and sister, Lynez Johnson, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, good; total membership, 58; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 45; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: paid pastor, $120.00; paid for publication, $16.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.; Rev. C. W. Bennett, St. Pauls, N. C.; Rev. A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Steve English, Rockingham, N. C.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Church in conference this third day of October, 1954.

Wm. H. Edwards, Moderator.
Mrs. Ellen Thomas, Clerk.

St. John: To the Rockfish Conference (Yearly Meeting) of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Mt. Calvary Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 9, 1954, we send our beloved sister, Mary Lizzie McLain, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, good; members received past three months, 2; baptized, 2; total membership, 80; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: paid pastor, $275.00; paid evangelist, $50.00; paid home missions, $50.00; paid visiting pastors, $75.00; building and repairs, $25.00; for publication, $52.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. G. W. Huestas, Rev. Jessie Brown, Rev. Steve English.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Steve English, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of St. John Church in conference this eleventh day of October, 1954.

Rev. Steve English, Moderator.
Mrs. W. M. Myers, Clerk.

Remarks: There has been the amount of $532.60 which has passed through the treasury of our church this year.

Highland Pines: To the Rockfish Conference (Annual Conference) of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Mount Calvary Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 9, 1954, we send as delegates our beloved sister, Stella English, and bro-

ther, W. R. Floyd, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, good; members received past three months, 7; baptized, 4; dismissed, 1; died, 1; total membership, 94; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 87; number of teachers, 6.

Finances: paid pastor $3,380.00; paid evangelist, $175.00; paid home missions, $460.00; building and repairs, $660.00; education, $98.00; publication, $7.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Frank Sanford, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.; Rev. David Liles.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. W. R. Floyd, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of Highland Pines Church in conference this ninth day of October, 1954.

W. R. Floyd, Moderator.
Mrs. E. R. Covington, Clerk.

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference (Annual Meeting) of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Mount Calvary Church at Rockingham, N. C., on October 9, 1954, we send as delegates our beloved Jesse Lee, Andrew Ratty, and Nannie Bunch, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: state of religion, good; members received past three months, 5; baptized, 1; dismissed, 10; total membership, 24; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: paid pastor, $133.05; paid evangelist, $2.30; building and repairs, $426.95; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Church in conference this third day of October, 1954.

Angus Prevatte, Moderator.
Ed Bryant, Clerk.

Remarks: We have called Rev. Angus Prevatte as our pastor for the coming year.

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Moderator, Rev. W. R. Floyd, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Secretary, Mr. W. H. Edwards, Route 1, Hope Mills, N. C.
Treasurer, Mrs. Lillie Mae Bunnell, Route 2, Box 48-A, Parkton, N. C.

CHURCHES, CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Sandy Grove—Mrs. Ellen Thames, Route 1, Parkton, N. C.
Highland Pines—Mrs. E. R. Covington, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Hickory Grove—Mr. Ed Bryant, Route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.
St. John—Mrs. W. M. Myers, Patrick, S. C.
Mt. Calvary—Mrs. Margaret Brigman.
Bethlehem—Albentia Hunt. (Write to Rev. H. S. Clark, Route 1, Gibson, N. C.)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. R. Floyd, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
C. W. Bennett, Route 2, St. Pauls, N. C.
R. L. Clark, Hamlet, N. C.
A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C.
J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C.
Frank Sanford, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
J. W. Sanford, Route 1, Box 261, Roekingham, N. C.
H. S. Clark, Route 1, Gibson, N. C.
R. R. Sheppard, P. O. Box 284, Hamlet, N. C.
G. W. Huestas, Patriek, S. C.
W. M. Loviek, Cumberland Mills, N. C.
Paul Brown, Route 2, Roekingham, N. C.
Sam Parks, General Delivery, East Roekingham, N. C.
C. B. Hopkins, Roekingham, N. C.
Charles Maness, 10 East Wade St., Wadesboro, N. C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. R. Floyd, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. R. R. Sheppard, P. O. Box 284, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. Charles Maness, 10 East Wade St., Wadesboro, N. C.
Rev. C. B. Hopkins, Roekingham, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. W. R. Floyd, *Chairman*, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Rev. Steve English, *Assistant Chairman*, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
Mr. William H. Edwards, Route 1, Hope Mills, N. C.
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ORPHANAGE BOARD

Rev. Lee Therrell, *Chairman,* 606 Holly Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Mr. J. W. McLain, Patrick, S. C.

MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. W. Sanford, *Chairman,* Route 1, Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.
Martha Carpenter, Hamlet, N. C.

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. W. M. Lovick, *Chairman,* Cumberland, N. C.
Leona Bunnell, Route 2, Parkton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The forty-seventh annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the state of North Carolina met with St. John Free Will Baptist Church, Patrick, S. C., on October 8, 1955.

MORNING SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. W. R. Floyd at 9:15 a. m.

Song by the congregation, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Devotions by Rev. Angus Prevatt, reading from Colossians 3, beginning with Verse 1.

Welcome address by the pastor of the host church, the Rev. Lee Therrell, with response by the Rev. W. R. Floyd.

The visiting ministers that were present are as follows: Revs. Lee Therrell, Piedmont Association; R. H. Jackson, Orphanage; N. B. Barrow, Lucama, N. C.; C. B. Hopkins, Piedmont Association; Sam Parks, Piedmont Association; Charles Maness, Piedmont Association.

The delegates from the various churches were recognized and welcomed at this time. Those present were: Sister Martha Carpenter, Highland Pines; Sister Juanita Floyd, Highland Pines; Sister Stella English, Highland Pines; Brother J. E. Gainey, St. John; Sister Ethel Chavis, Mt. Calvary; Sister Hattie Sweatt, Mt. Calvary; Sister Lillie Bunnell, Hickory Grove; Sister Leona Bunnell, Hickory Grove; Sister Thelma Bunnell, Hickory Grove; Sister Ethelyen Sheppard, Hickory Grove.

At this time a memorial service was held in memory of our beloved sister, Mrs. Mattie Norton, one who never failed to serve when called upon. Her faithfulness is an example for us all. Sister Norton was the conference treasurer when taken from our midst.

At 9:45 a. m. a business session was held. The clerk read the minutes of last year's meeting.

The roll was called of ministers. Those present were: Revs: Angus Prevatt, R. L. Clark, R. R. Sheppard and J. D. Liles.

A call was made for church letters and the churches that were represented were: Highland Pines, Sandy Grove, Hickory Grove, St. John and Mt. Calvary. Each letter was read by the clerk to the assembly. A motion was made and carried to receive church letters as read. (See church letters.)

A pulpit committee was appointed by the moderator as follows: Rev. J. D. Liles, Rev. Sam Parks and Sister Thelma Bunnell.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

This is the report that was read by the clerk and is as follows:

To the Rockfish Conference, when assembled on October 8, 1955, we, your executive board, do make the following report:

1. During this conference year we met with the Free Will Baptist Church at Antioch, N. C., for the purpose of that church becoming a member of the Rockfish

Conference. After learning of a controversy within that church, we informed the church to settle its difficulty, then present itself for membership.

2. We also bought ourselves together this conference year and outlined a program for the annual meeting which we present to you.

3. We also drew up a constitution and bylaws which we pray that you will adopt.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. W. R. Floyd, *Chairman*

Motion made and seconded to adopt the report of the executive board, following with a discussion of the executive board's report.

Motion was made and carried to adopt parts 1 and 2 of the executive board's report and to table part 3 until the afternoon session.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, your ordaining council, do make the following report:

We have met with each quarterly union, and during this conference year the following have been made known to us that they wish to unit with the Rockfish Conference: Revs. Paul Brown, Sam Parks, C. B. Hopkins and Charles Maness. We, the ordaining council, have accepted the above named ministers for membership.

We pray that you will adopt our report.

Report of the ordaining council was read by the clerk.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. W. R. Floyd, *Chairman*

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the report of the ordaining council. An open discussion was made on the ordaining council's report. The motion was carried to adopt the report of the ordaining council as read.

At this time a letter was presented to the conference by a member of Mount Moriah Church, Hamlet, N. C. The letter from Mount Morriah read as follows:

We, the members of Mt. Moriah Church, wish to withdraw from the Rockfish Conference for the present time.

Done by order of Mt. Moriah Church the 3rd day of October, 1955.

Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, *Clerk*

Motion was made and carried to receive the letter from Mt. Moriah. Motion was made and seconded to grant a letter of dismissal to Mt. Moriah Church. Following a discussion on the motion to grant the letter, a motion was carried to grant the letter asked by the Mt. Moriah's representative.

PULPIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, your pulpit committee, do request that Rev. Ralph Sheppard bring the morning sermon if Rev. R. H. Jackson fails to keep his appointment.

Rev. J. D. Liles, *Chairman*

Motion was made and carried to grant the clerk the right to include in our minutes all information received by the clerk from all departments of our denomination.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP HOUR

Special singing was rendered by a trio composed of Juanita Floyd, Martha Carpenter and Stella English.

Superintendent of the orphanage, Rev. R. H. Jackson, gave the orphanage report. Rev. Jackson stressed the need for us to give generously to our children at the home, not only our money but of the other things needed to sustain life, such as clothing, food and other commodities. An offering for the home was taken which amounted to $17.01. Following this a song was sung by the congregation, "Revive Us Again." The sermon for the worship hour was then delivered by Mr. Jackson. The Scripture reading was taken from Genesis 10, beginning with the 31st verse. His text was "Go and Do for the Lord." After the message the Rev. Mr. Brown offered a prayer.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Lee Therrell invited everyone to stay for dinner, and seemingly everyone enjoyed the wonderful meal served by the members of the St. John Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with a song by the congregation, "Standing on the Promises," followed with prayer by the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

The following reports were given: National Convention, Rev. R. R. Sheppard; State Convention, Rev. W. R. Floyd; State Missions, Rev. N. B. Barrow.

BUSINESS SESSION

A call was made for reports of the appointed committees.

Sabbath School—None.

Education—We, your committee on education, find that in our present age we need to educate ourselves through the various mediums of learning so as we should not be ashamed to speak before our fellow men, also to prepare us to be able to read and understand God's Word more thoroughly. Our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, is now offering a correspondence course to those interested. Write Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for particulars. We also have our Mt. Olive College at Mount Olive, North Carolina.

Mrs. Stella English, *Chairman*

Orphanage—We, your committee on orphanage, recommend that all the churches of the conference give all possible aid to our orphanage home at Middlesex, N. C., and for all that can to visit the home so you can fully understand the needs.

Mr. Wesley McLain, *Chairman*

Missions—We, your committee on mission, recommend that each church grant time to hear the mission committee at least twice a year discuss the program on missions, for we think it a most worthy cause.

Rev. Angus Prevatte, *Chairman*

Superannuation—None

A motion was moved and carried to adopt the committees' reports.

There was a request for letters of dismissal by Rev. Angus Prevatte and Rev. J. D. Liles. A motion was moved and carried to grant these letters as requested.

There was a discussion on part 3 of the executive board's report concerning the proposed constitution of the Rockfish Conference. A motion was moved and carried to adopt the propose constitution and bylaws of the conference as corrected.

A motion was moved and carried that we print the constitution and the bylaws in the minutes of each annual conference hence hereafter.

The election of officers to fill the vacancies caused by death and resignations was as follows: ordaining council, Rev. Charles Maness and Rev. C. B. Hopkins; executive board, Rev. Paul Brown; treasurer, Mrs. Lillie Mae Bunnell.

Highland Pines Church invited the conference to meet with it for the 1956 session. A motion was made and carried to accept Highland Pines' invitation.

The forty-eight annual session of the Rockfish Conference will, by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, convene with Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Hamlet, North Carolina, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1956.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The body was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Charles Maness.

Note: The clerk takes this privilege to thank the people of St. John's Church for the hospitality shown to the Rockfish Conference.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, *Clerk*

CHURCH LETTERS

St. John: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with St. John Church at Patrick, S. C., October 8, 1955, we send as delegates our beloved brethren: J. E. Gainey, Erby Gainey and William Brock, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received passed twelve months, 26; baptized, 9; dismissed, 4; total membership, 93; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 85; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $460.00; paid evangelist, $50.00; home missions, $100.00; orphanage, $100.00; building and repairs, $1,073.35; for publication, $93.40; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Lee Therrell, Kannapolis, N. C.; G. W. Huestas, Route 1, Patrick, S. C.; Jessie Brown, Route 2, Chesterfield, S. C.

Pastor's name, Rev. Lee Therrell.

Done by order of St. John Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this second day of October, 1955.

REV. LEE THERRELL, *Moderator*
BETTY OLIVER, *Clerk*

Remarks: We are proud of our pastor and the good work he is doing in our church. We have called Rev. Therrell for pastor for the coming year.

Mt. Calvary: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the St. John Church at Patrick, S. C., October 8, 1955, we send as delegates our beloved brother and sisters: W. F. Peele, Ethel Chavis and Hattie Swatt, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received passed twelve months, 34; baptized, 9; dismissed, 4; total membership, 46; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 86; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $530.00; paid evangelist, $40.00; home missions, $50.00; building and repairs, $693.50; for publication, $18.85; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: S. M. Parks, East Rockingham, N. C.; Talmadge Brown, Rockingham, N. C.; Daniel Bowen, Route 1, Rockingham, N. C.

Done by order of Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this second day of October, 1955.

Rev. C. B. Hopkins, *Moderator*
Mrs. Margaret Brigman, *Clerk*

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the St. John Church at Patrick, S. C., October 8, 1955, we send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters: C. W. Lee, Lillie Bunnell, Leona Bunnell, Marlene Quick, Ethelyn Sheppard and Thelma Bunnell, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received passed twelve months, 23; died, 1; total membership, 46; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 90; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $314.97; paid evangelist, $30.00; building and repairs, $400.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00; paid orphanage, $69.39.

Ministers belonging to our church: R. R. Sheppard, Hamlet, N. C., and W. M. Lovick, Cumberland, N. C.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. R. R. Sheppard, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Church assembled in conference this second day of October, 1955.

R. R. Sheppard, *Moderator*
E. H. Bryant, *Clerk*

Highland Pines: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the St. John Church at Patrick, S. C., October 8, 1955, we send as delegates our beloved sisters: Martha Carpenter, Juanita Floyd and Stella English, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received passed twelve months, 7; baptized, 7; total membership, 85; condition of prayer meeting, wonderful; condition

of Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils, 82, numbers of officers, 14; number of teachers, 12.

Finances: Paid pastor, $3,380; paid evangelist, $75.00; home missions, $50.00; foreign missions, $20.00; building and repairs, $700.00; for publication, $75.00; Enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Minister belonging to our church: Frank Sanford, Hamlet, N. C.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Winford Floyd, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of Highland Pines Church assembled in conference this tenth day of October, 1955.

WINFORD FLOYD, *Moderator*
MYRTLE COVINGTON, *Clerk*

Sandy Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the St. John Church at Patrick, S. C., October 8, 1955, we send as delegates our beloved brethren: J. R. Johnson and Jeremiah Budd, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received passed twelve months, 3; baptized, 3; total membership, 61; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $185.10; paid evangelist, $49.07; home missions, $6.00; orphanage, $10.00; for publication, $16.00, enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Angus Prevatte, 420 W. Donaldson Ave., Raeford, N. C.; A. J. Pearson, St. Pauls, N. C.; C. W. Bennett, Route 2, St. Pauls, N. C.

Pastor's name and address: Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Church assembled in conference this sixth day of October, 1955.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, *Moderator*
MRS. ELLEN THOMAS, *Clerk*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE ROCKFISH CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

From experience, we, the members of the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church, and wishing to promote ourselves in state convention and national convention work for the salvation of souls and a greater denomination, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better conference government:

Article 1: This conference shall be called the Rockfish Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Article 2: The offices of this conference shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, clerk and treasurer, and are to be elected for a term of two years, with election occuring on even years at the close of the session.

Article 3: This conference shall be composed of delegates, elected or appointed by the Free Will Baptist churches who are members of this conference, and ministers, both licensed and ordained, who are members of this conference.

Article 4: Each church shall be entitled to five delegates and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members over fifty.

Article 5: This conference shall meet once each year on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, or at such time and place as may be decided upon at the preceding session.

Article 6: The churches united with this conference shall send, by the hands of their delegates, a full account of all work done by them during the conference year (October through September), and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

Article 7: The executive board shall consist of three members elected by the conference, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years. The conference officials are members ex-officio of the executive board. The executive board shall have interim authority.

Article 8: The conference may withdraw from any church, after investigation has been made, that becomes disorderly or refuses to represent by letter or delegation.

Article 9: This conference assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Article 10: The ordination council shall consist of five ministers to be elected by the conference annually. The council shall select its chairman from these five.

Article 11: All committees shall be appointed by the committee on committees. The committee on committees is to be appointed by the moderator at the beginning of the session.

Article 12: The Discipline of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina is to be used by all churches retaining membership in this conference.

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PROCEEDINGS

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Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by the moderator at 9:30 a. m.

Song by the congregation, "Showers of Blessings," followed with prayer by Rev. J. O. Fort.

Song by the congregation, "Won't It Be Wonderful There."

Welcome address given by the church's pastor, Rev. R. R. Sheppard, followed with the response by the moderator, Rev. Steve English.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Rev. W. T. Knox, Piedmont Association; Rev. N. B. Barrow, Lucama, North Carolina; Rev. M. L. Baxley, Pee Dee Association; Rev. J. O. Fort, Central Conference.

The delegates from the various churches were recognized and made welcome at this time. Those present were: Sisters Belle Carver, Nell Sessoms, Myrtle Brown, Katie McIntyre, Charlotte Steen, Francis Bunnell, Ava Jane Lee, Selma Bunnell, Wilma Therrell, Annie Thomas, and Brethren Gene Griffin, Alex Brown, W. M. Myers, Theadore McLain, J. W. Faircloth and G. H. Carver.

At this time a memorial service was held in memory of two of our beloved ministers who died the past year, there were Rev. A. J. Pearson and Rev. C. B. Hopkins.

At 10:00 a. m. a business session was held. The clerk read the minutes of last year's meeting. Motion made and carried to adopt the minutes as read.

The roll was called of ministers with the following present: Revs. J. D. Liles, Steve English, R. R. Sheppard, R. L. Clark, Paul Brown, Charles Maness, Hamp Wallace.

A call was made for church letters and the churches that were represented were: Sandy Grove, Hickory Grove, Glenwood and St. John. Each letter was read by the clerk to the assembly. A motion was made and carried to receive church letters as read. (See church letters.)

A pulpit committee was appointed by the moderator as follows: Brother Gene Griffin, Brother Theadore McLain and Sister Belle Carver.

Devotional services were held by Rev. J. O. Fort, reading Scripture from St. Matthew. After the Scripture reading, Rev. Fort made an interesting talk about the activities of our press at Ayden, North Carolina.

Pulpit Committee's Report

We, your pulpit committee, have requested Rev. J. O. Fort to bring the message during the worship hour.

Gene Griffin, *Chairman*

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Paul Brown.

Eleven O'clock Worship Hour

Songs by the congregation, "Joy Unspeakable" and "Love Lifted Me."

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. T. Knox.

Sermon by Rev. J. O. Fort. He used a text taken from the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. His sermon was based on the teachings of Jesus as set forth in the Sermon on the Mount. Rev. Fort gave a most wonderful version of these great truths as was taught by our Saviour, and I am sure was enjoyed by all.

Everyone was invited to remain and take part in the dinner served at the church.

Dismissed by prayer.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened at 1:00 p. m. with the congregation singing "It Is Well with My Soul," followed with prayer by Rev. J. O. Fort.

Devotional reading was by Rev. N. B. Barrow, reading from the 24th Psalm.

The conference was opened for business.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, your executive board, met with the officials of Glenwood Church at Rockingham, North Carolina, during the past year to receive said church into the Rockfish Conference, which was duly done, subject to approval by the Rockfish Conference while in session October, 1956.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Steve English, *Chairman*

Moved and carried to adopt the whole of the executive board's report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

This report after being read by the clerk was referred back to the ordaining council for further deliberations, with the exception of the part that pertained to Rev. Hampton Wallace's license. Moved and carried to adopt the ordaining council's recommendation to license Brother Hampton Wallace to preach.

Motion made and carried that each church belonging to the Rockfish Conference use only people of the Free Will Baptist faith for teachers and officers of our Sunday schools and churches.

At this time Rev. J. O. Fort reported to us the condition of our children's home, and the many activities of the home. Rev. Fort also indicated that the quota for each church was set at $1.00 per member for the year.

While the congregation sang "When the Roll Is Called up Yonder," a collection for the home was made which totaled $13.68.

Election of officers was made as follows: Moderator, Rev. Charles Maness; assistant moderator, Rev. Paul Brown; secretary-treasurer, William T. Edwards; committee on committees, Alex Brown, chairman; G. H. Carver and Dan Bunnell.

At this time thanks were given by Rev. J. O. Fort for the wonderful dinner and the hospitality shown by the Hickory Grove Church to the many people who were present.

At the invitation given by the Sandy Grove delegates, the next session will be held at Sandy Grove Church, Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1957.

Moved and carried to adjourn.

William H. Edwards, *Clerk*

Church Letters

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Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past 12 months, 6; died, 2; total membership, 26 active; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $254.58; paid evangelist, $35.55; home mission, $23.04; building and repairs, $608.16; orphanage, $10.00; for publications, $34.80; enclosed for minutes, $10.00; miscellaneous, $101.20.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, North Carolina, and Rev. C. W. Bennett, Route 2, St. Pauls, North Carolina.

The pastor's name: Rev. Steve English.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 6th day of October, 1956.

Steve English, *Moderator*
W. H. Edwards, *Acting Clerk*

We recommend that Brother R. T. Sanderson be licensed to preach the gospel.

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Hickory Grove Church at Rockfish, North Carolina, October 13, 1956. We send as delegates our beloved sisters: Francis Bunnell Ava J. Lee, Selma Bunnell, Wilma Therrell and Annie Thomas, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; total membership, 66; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 95; number of officers, 2; number of teachers 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $625.23; paid evangelist, $92.44; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. R. Sheppard, Rockingham, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. R. R. Sheppard.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 7th day of October, 1956.

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Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past 12 months, 1; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Charles Maness, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. Paul Brown, Route 2, Rockingham, North Carolina.

Done by order of Glenwood Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference in 1956.

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Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past year, 5; baptized 2, dismissed, 3; died, 1; total membership, 98; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 80; number of officers, 5, number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $790.38; paid evangelist, $103.30; home missions, $21.00; orphanage, $127.00; building and repairs, $2,580.00; for education, $56.13; for publications, $15.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Pastor's name: Rev. Lee Therrell, Kannapolis, North Carolina.

Done by order of St. John Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference this 7th day of October, 1956.

Rev. Lee Therrell, *Moderator*
Evelyn Gainey, *Clerk*

We feel that our church has been doing good and has progressed in all fields of the Lord's work by the help of Rev. Lee Therrell. So for his faithful work we felt best to call him back for another year.

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Ray Johnson

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sabbath School—W. P. Therrill, Route 3, Box 269-C, Fayetteville, N. C.
Education—Rev. R. T. Sanderson, Lumberton, N. C.
Orphanage—Rev. J. D. Liles, P. O. Box 321, Hamlet, N. C.
Missions, Home and Foreign—Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
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Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Paul Brown, at 10:00 a. m. Rev. A. F. Williamson served as song leader and Stella English as pianist.

Song by the congregation, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," followed with prayer.

Devotional reading was done by Rev. Sam Parks, reading from Psalm 37.

Welcome address by William H. Edwards; response by Rev. Paul Brown.

Roll Call of ministers with the following being present: Revs. Steve English, R. L. Clark, Paul Brown, Sam Parks and J. D. Liles.

Ministers of sick list were: Revs. C. W. Bennett and J. H. Tyson.

We regret the loss of one minister by death, Rev. Frank Sanford.

Ministers reported to have left us and joined other associations were: Revs. J. W. Sanford, G. W. Huestas and Hamp Wallace. No letters have been asked for by these ministers.

Minutes of last year's session were read by the clerk. Moved and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Delegates present from churches were as follows: W. P. Therrill, Wilma Therrill, Thelma Bunnell, Avy Jane Lee, Belle Carver, J. W. Faircloth, E. V. Griffin, Allen Morris, Beulah Morris and Myrtle Brown.

Visiting ministers who were recognized and made welcome were: Revs. M. L. Baxley, Angus Prevatte, A. F. Williamson and Charlie Rogers.

Rev. R. T. Sanderson sang a solo, "Nothing Between," followed with a solo by Rev. Steve English, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." These two brothers can do a fine job of singing and the congregation enjoyed hearing them sing.

CHURCH LETTERS

Sandy Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Sandy Grove Church at St. Pauls, North Carolina, October 12, 1957. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: J. W. Faireloth, J. D. Budd and Mrs. G. H. Carver, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past 12 months, 6; baptized, 4; total membership, 31; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $295.95; paid evangelist, $72.20; home missions, $54.79; orphanage, $46.00; fuel and lights, $53.80; superannuation, $10.00; publications, approximately $30.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00; paid to union, $12.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. T. Sanderson, Lumberton, North Carolina; Rev. C. W. Bennett, Route 2, St. Pauls, North Carolina; Rev. J. H. Tyson, Raeford, North Carolina.

The pastor's name: Rev. R. T. Sanderson.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Church when assembled in conference this 11th day of October, 1957.

R. T. Sanderson, *Moderator*
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Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past 3 months, 2; baptized, 13; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 60; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 5; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Charles Maness, Wadesboro, North Carolina; Rev. Steve English, Hamlet, North Carolina.

The pastor's name: Rev. Paul Brown, Rockingham, North Carolina.

Done by order of Glenwood Church when assembled in conference this 9th day of October, 1957.

Paul Brown, *Moderator*
Clayton Steen, *Clerk*

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Sandy Grove Church at St. Pauls, North Carolina, October 12, 1957. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Sisters Selma Bunnell, Lee Mabe, Avy Jane Lee, Wilma Therrill, Jance Baygent and Jimmie Baygent, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

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Finances: Paid pastor, $765.00; paid evangelist, $95.41; building and repairs, $305.97; orphanage, $100.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. R. Sheppard, Rockingham, North Carolina; Rev. J. A. Atkinson, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The pastor's name: Rev. R. R. Sheppard.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Church when assembled in conference this 6th day of October, 1957.

R. R. Sheppard, *Moderator*
E. H. Bryant, *Clerk*

Moved and carried to accept the church letters as read.

Devotional committee asked Rev. R. T. Sanderson to serve as speaker during worship hour.

Moved and carried to recess for ten minutes.

Dismissed with prayer by Sister Wilma Therrill.

Reassembled for worship service at 11:10 a. m.

The congregation sang "Face to Face" and "Tell It to Jesus," followed with prayer by M. L. Baxley. Another song by the congregation, "In the Sweet By and By."

Sermon by Rev. R. T. Sanderson, taking his text from Psalm 106. A wonderful message which was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed with prayer by W. H. Edwards.

Lunch served by the host church. A fine lunch and wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all that were present. The clerk, in an humble manner, wishes to thank the ladies of Sandy Grove Church for their labor in preparing this fine lunch because you are my sisters in Christ and the church. Thanks more than I can ever tell by words.

Afternoon Session

Reassembled at 1:00 p. m. with the congregation singing "Wonderful Words of Life."

Thanks was given by the moderator for the wonderful hospitality shown by the host church.

Prayer by Rev. Charlie Rogers.

Devotional by Rev. Steve English, reading Psalm 1.

Song by the congregation, "Waiting to Go."

Report of the progress and the needs of our Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, was made by visiting minister, Rev. M. L. Baxley. An offering was taken for the home amounting to $8.52. The clerk was instructed to mail the money to the home.

Moved and carried that the moderator appoint one person to each standing committee. The moderator named the persons as before mentioned in these minutes.

Moved and carried to accept the persons named by the moderator.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, your council of ordination, hereby submit to you a report of the action taken by us upon the various requests of our churches and we pray that it will meet with your approval.

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4. The council met at the home of Rev. Ralph Sheppard to discuss the request of Brother Charlie Rogers concerning the loss of his certificate of ordination. It was agrecd to issue a new certificate to Brother Rogers if he would reunite with one of our churches.

Rev. Steve English, *Chairman*
Rev. J. D. Liles
Rev. Ralph Sheppard

Moved and carried to adopt the report of the ordaining council.

Moved and carried to hold the next annual session of the Rockfish Conference at Glenwood Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1958.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer.

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Mount Calvary—Margarette Brigman, c/o Rev. Charles Maness, 123 W. Martin Street, Wadesboro, N. C.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Sister Clayton Steen, Sister Margaret Mathis and Sister Byrd.

Duties of the program committee is to prepare program for the next conference and to arrange with the minister or ministers of their choice to preach the day or days.

PROCEEDINGS

The fiftieth annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the state of North Carolina met with Glennwood Free Will Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, on October 11, 1959.

Morning Session

The meeting opened at 10:00 a. m. with the singing of "When I See the Blood." Prayer by Rev. R. V. Mabe.

Welcome address by Rev. Paul Brown.

Song by the congregation, "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Devotional by Rev. Steve English, Scripture reading, John 15:1-17.

Roll Call of ministers. Ministers present were: Steve English, R. L. Clark, R. R. Sheppard, Paul Brown, Charles Maness, J. D. Liles, Charles Rogers, Hamp Wallace and R. V. Mabe.

Ministers reported sick were: C. W. Bennett and J. H. Tyson.

A visiting minister was made welcome by the moderator, Rev. Charles Maness, he was Rev. M. L. Baxley of the Pee Dee Association.

Reading of previous minutes by clerk. Moved and seconded to accept the minutes as read.

Devotional committee was appointed as follows: Sister Steen, Sister English and Sister Byrd. They requested Rev. R. V. Mabe to deliver the morning message during the worship hour.

Moved and carried to accept for printing in our minutes the report of the quarterly union activities for the past year.

CHURCH LETTERS

Sandy Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with Glennwood Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 11, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: J. W. Faircloth, Jerry Budd and Roy Johnson, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; total membership, 26; condition of prayer meeting, fair; Condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $333.28; paid evangelist, $234.10; superannuation, $10.00; building, repairs and other, $337.48; for publication, $41.30; for orphanage, $10:00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. T. Sanderson, Lumberton, N. C., Rev. C. W. Bennett, Box 29, E. Broad Street, St. Pauls, N. C., Rev. J. H. Tyson, Raeford, N. C.

Name of the pastor: Rev. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Church assembled in conference the 10th day of October, 1958.

William H. Edwards, *Moderator*
Ellen Thames, *Clerk*

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Glennwood Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 11, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Malcolm Lee, Vader Lee, Nicy Lee, Amy Jane Lee and Shirley Barefoot, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past three months, 2; total membership, 52; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 95; nmber of officers, 3; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $595.00; paid evangelist, $80.00; building and repairs, $89.53; enclosed for minutes $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. R. Sheppard, Hamlet, N. C., Rev. Hamp Wallace, Wadesboro, N. C.

The pastor's name: Rev. Hamp Wallace, Wadesboro, N. C.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Church assembled in conference this 5th day of October, 1958.

Rev. Hamp Wallace, *Moderator*
E. H. Bryant, *Clerk*

Glennwood: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Glennwood Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 11, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Alex Brown, Sister Charlotte Steen, Sister Lula Rogers, Sister Virginia Brown and Sister Myrtle Brown, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, fair; members received past 12 months, 4; dismissed, 2; died, 2; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 75; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $520.00; paid evangelist, $70.00; building and repairs, $1,500.00; miscellaneous, $570.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Charlie Rogers, Rockingham, N. C., Rev. Steve English, Hamlet, N. C., Rev. Sam Parks.

The pastor's name: Rev. Paul Brown, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.

Done by order of Glennwood Church assembled in conference this 8th day of October, 1958.

Rev. Paul Brown, *Moderator*
Clayton Steen, *Clerk*

Highland Pines: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Glennwood Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 11, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Brother Harris Maulden, Sister Stella English, Sister Yates and Sister Ewing, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statisties: State of religion, very good; members reeeived past three months, 2; total membership, 67; eondition of prayer meeting, very good; eondition of Sunday school, very good; average number of pupils, 66; number of officers, 5; number of teaehers, 6.

Finanees: Paid pastor past three months, $550.00; home missions, $29.-75; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. David Liles, Hamlet, N. C., Rev. Riehard V. Mabe, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

The pastor's name: Rev: Richard V. Mabe, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by the order of Highland Pines Church assembled in conference this 5th day of October, 1958.

Rev. Richard V. Mabe, *Moderator*
Mrs. Edith Sexton, *Clerk*

Bethlehem: To the Rockfish Conferenee of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Glennwood Church at Rockingham, N. C., Oetober 11, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved brother: Frank Hunt, whom we pray you to reeeive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statisties: State of religion, good; members received past three months, 2; baptized, 2; dismissed, 1; total membership, 15; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 50; number of officers, 3; number of teaehers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $6.50; building and repairs, $100.00; enclosed for minutes, $3.00.

The pastor's name: Rev. J. D. Liles, Hamlet, N. C.

Done by order of Bethlehem Church assembled in conference this 4th day of Oetober, 1958.

Rev. J. D. Liles, *Moderator*
Albentia Hunt, *Clerk*

Mt. Moriah: To the Roekfish Conferenee of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Glennwood Church at Rockingham, N. C., October 11, 1958. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Herbert Norton, Sister Stella Hodges, Sister Margaret Mathis and Sister Catherine Quick, whom we pray yo to reeeive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; total membership, 25; eondition of Sunday sehool, good; average number of pupils, 30; number of offieers, 4; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $259.01; paid evangelist, $50.00; building and repairs, $6.63; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C., Rev. R. L. Clark, Hamlet, N. C.

The pastor's name: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, N. C.

Done by order of Mt. Moriah Church assembled in conference this 5th day of October, 1958.

Rev. Angus Prevatte, *Moderator*
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Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past 12 months, 16; baptized, 5; dismissed, 6; died, 1; total membership, 54; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 70; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $1,135.00; paid evangelist, $65.00; building and repairs, $567.98; for publication, $56.20; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Daniel Bowen, Rockingham, N. C.

The pastor's name: Rev. Charles Maness, Wadesboro, N. C.

Done by order of Mt. Calvary Church assembled in conference this 4th day of October, 1958.

Rev. Charles Maness, *Moderator*
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Moved and carried to accept the church letters as read by clerk.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the ordaining council, submit the following report:

1. December 29, 1957, the council met at Hickory Grove Church and ordained Rev. Richard V. Mabe.

2. February 9, 1958, the council met at Glennwood Church and ordained Rev. R. T. Sanderson.

3. August 30, 1958, the ordaining council met at Mt. Calvary Church and received two ministers from other conferences: Rev. Hampton Wallace came from Southern and Rev. Charlie Rogers came from Pee Dee.

4. Accepted Rev. Dan Bowen pending letter from former conference.

Rev. Steve English, *Chairman*
Rev. David Liles
Rev. Ralph Sheppard

Moved and carried to accept the ordaining council's report and their action.

Moved and carried to give the moderator permission to appoint a proxy to sit with the ordaining council in their meeting today, October 11, 1958. Moderator appointed Rev. Angus Prevatte to sit with the ordaining council.

Moved and carried that we have no recess.

11:00 A. M. WORSHIP HOUR

Song by the congregation, "Just Over in the Glory Land." Prayer by Rev. M. L. Baxley. Another song by the congregation, "Nothing But the Blood."

Sermon by Rev. R. V. Mabe. Scripture text, Numbers 20:7-13. Theme, "Disobedience." A very well delivered and a timely message for this time when we ask ourselves are we obeying God's commands.

Adjourn for lunch. Dismissed by prayer.

Lunch served by the host church and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the people who prepared lunch and for their efforts.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song by the congregation, "Take the Name of Jesus." Prayer by Sister Steen.

Devotional by Rev. R. V. Mabe. Scripture read from 2 Corinthians 5:-14-21.

Clerk read proceedings of morning session.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, your executive board, met with Mt. Moriah Church on April 27, 1958, for the purpose of the readmission of Mt. Moriah Church as a member of the Rockfish Conference. Vote was for readmission pending the annual session in October, 1958.

Rev. Charles Maness, *Chairman*
Rev. Paul Brown
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Moved and carried to accept the report and action of the executive board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions

We, your missions committee, urge the churches to remember the missionaries, both home and foreign, with our offerings. We may not all be able to go, but we can go in spirit and in gifts.

Rev. Steve English

Moved and carried to adopt the report of our missions committee.

As the missions report was the only report received, the moderator deplored the absence of the others, and begged the committees appointed this session to work and report at the next session.

Motion made and carried to appoint a program committee. Motion by Rev. R. V. Mabe. Committee members: Sister Clayton Steen, Sister Margaret Mathis and Sister Byrd.

Moved and carried for the ordaining council to investigate the ill rumors about Rev. Sam Parks. Motion by Rev. R. V. Mabe.

Moved and carried for the conference to issue I. D. cards for its ministers. Cards to bear the name of the conference and the minister who the card is issued to, signed by the moderator and clerk. The cost of the card to be $1.00 to be paid by each minister. Motion by Rev. R. R. Sheppard. Committee appointed to prepare cards were Rev. R. R. Sheppard, Rev. R. V. Mabe and Brother Alex Brown.

Moved and carried to elect new officers for the next term. Officers elected were as listed in the front of this minute.

Standing committees appointed by the moderator. Committees appointed were approved by vote of the conference and are listed in the front of this minute.

Offering for superannuation was taken, total $10.38.

Orphanage report by Rev. M. L. Baxley. Welcome was given to all to visit our Children's Home at Middlesex, N. C.

Song by quartet.

Moved and carried to hold next annual session of the Rockfish Conference at Highland Pines Church, Hamlet, N. C., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1959.

Moved and carried to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Steve English.

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QUARTERLY UNIONS

The yearly report of activities of the union of Rockfish Conference for the year of 1958 as compiled by the clerk, Rev. R. R. Sheppard. At present we have six churches and thirteen ordained ministers.

January 11, 1958, the union met at Hickory Grove Church near Fayetteville, N. C., with three churches represented. Motions voted and passed on as follows:

1. The executive board to visit St. John Church and inquire why they have not been represented at the last two sessions.

2. Committee was appointed to submit minutes of union to secretary of annual for printing in same.

3. A speeial offering was made to aequire song books for Rev. Charles Maness to use in his tent services.

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1. Mt. Calvary Church presented to the union with letter and delegates.

2. For other business see ordaining counеil's report.

3. To meet at Mt. Calvary Chureh to organize a quarterly singing convention for each fifth Sunday night to be held at different churches in conferenee.

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1. To reinstate Bethlehem Chureh at Patriek, S. C. Represented by letter and delegates.

2. Highland Pines Church, represented by letter and delegates, was entered in full fellowship of union.

3. The union to buy a mimeograph machine to print matters of the Roekfish Conference. Rev. R. R. Sheppard to purchase machine, also operate it with each church paying for matter used.

Rev. Paul Brown, *Moderator*
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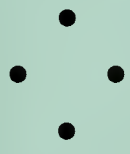

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Highland Pines—No Report
Glenwood—Mrs. Audrey Driggers, No Address
Mount Calvary—Mrs. Helen Norton, No Address
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Superannuation—Rev. J. C. Rogers, 107 Bluett Avenue, Rockingham, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS

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Morning Session

The meeting opened at 10:00 a. m. with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name" and "Amazing Grace."

Devotional service by Rev. Angus Prevatte, reading Psalm 61.

(Rev. J. C. Rogers served as clerk because of the absence of the clerk, W. H. Edwards.)

Call for church letters. Churches represented by letter and delegates were: Glenwood, Sandy Grove, Hickory Grove, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Calvary and Bethlehem.

The delegates were recognized and seated.

Previous minutes were read by the clerk.

Devotional committee requested Rev. Jim Benoit to preach at 11:00 a. m. worship hour.

10:55 a. m., recess.

11:00 a. m., worship hour. Rev. Jim Benoit preached a very inspiring message taken from Ephesians 6:10, which everyone enjoyed.

Afternoon Session

Reassembled at 1:00 p. m. with singing by the congregation.

Devotional reading by Rev. J. C. Rogers, reading Psalm 133.

Business: Motion made and carried for the executive board to find out if the St. John Free Will Baptist Church has or has not joined another conference. Motion by Rev. Paul Brown.

Rev. R. V. Mabe was granted a letter of dismissal with recommendations because of his moving to another section of the state. We regret the loss of Rev. Mabe, but our prayers go with him.

Motion made and carried to amend Article 10 of the constitution to read: "The ordination council shall consist of five ministers to be elected by

the conference for a term of two years. The council shall select its chairman from these five."

Motion made and carried that the pastor of each church take an offering at least once each year for superannuation. Motion by Rev. J. C. Rogers.

Rev. Charles Maness read a letter sent by R. R. Sheppard requesting that he, R. R. Sheppard, be relieved of all duties in the conference for which he is responsible, and that he would give up his credentials as a minister.

Moved and carried to grant Brother Sheppard's request, also instruct the ordaining council to visit Brother Sheppard to offer reconciliation.

Rev. M. L. Baxley made report on various Free Will Baptist projects state-wide, and encouraged our participation in these projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUPERANNUATION

Visited each church in the conference.

Offering by All Churches	$29.89
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Total	$32.00

Rev. J. C. Rogers

MISSIONS

The report was verbal.

Rev. R. V. Mabe

Committees were appointed as listed elsewhere in the minute.

Moved and carried to hold the next annual session of the Rockfish Conference at Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Rockfish Station, Cumberland County, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 8, 1960, by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dismissed with prayer.

Rev. Charles Maness, *Moderator*
W. H. Edwards, *Clerk*
Route 1, Box 9
Hope Mills, North Carolina

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Rules

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Rule 2: The union is to function for the sole purpose of fellowship between our sister churches. The union shall select its own officers, meet as often as is agreed upon by the union in session and make reports of proceedings to the annual conference. This report of proceedings, if adopted, will be printed in the minutes.

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CHURCH LETTERS

Glenwood: To the Rockfish Annual Conference which convened with the Highland Pines Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, October 19, 1959. We sent to sit with you in your Godly deliberations the following delegates: Sister Charlotte Steen, Sister Ledia Richardson, Sister Audrey Driggers, Sister Beulah Morris and Brother Allen Morris.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Steve English, Rev. Paul Brown, Rev. Charlie Rogers and Rev. Sam Parks.

Statistics: Members deceased in past year, 1; members received in past year, 11; average Sunday school attendance, 65; condition of prayer meeting, fair.

Finances: Evangelist, $75.00; literature, $50.00; miscellaneous, $620.16; janitor's fee, $104.00; foreign missions, $20.00; children's home, $100.00; superannuation, $10.00; building fund, $750.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Done in this order this Wednesday, October 7, 1959, by the Glenwood Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Paul Brown, *Moderator*
Mrs. Audrey Diggers, *Clerk*
Rev. Paul Brown, *Pastor*

Mt. Calvary: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Highland Pines Church at Hamlet, North Carolina, on October 10, 1959. We send as delegates our beloved brethren and sister, Will Peele, Claude Sellers and Mr. and Mrs. Griff Singletary, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past twelve months, 18; baptized, 7; total membership, 72; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday school, good; average attendance, 65; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $939.00; paid evangelist, $65.00; home missions, $15.00; building and repairs, $75.00; education, $35.00; publication, $52.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Minister belonging to our church: Rev. Charles Maness, Wadesboro, North Carolina. Pastor's name, Rev. Charles Maness.

Done by order of the Mt. Calvary Church assembled in conference this 4th day of October, 1959.

Charles Maness, *Moderator*
Mrs. Helen Norton, *Clerk*

Sandy Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Highland Pines Church at Hamlet, North Carolina, October 10, 1959. We send as delegates our beloved brethren, G. H. Carver and W. H. Edwards, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past three months, 3; baptized, 3; total membership, 80; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 70; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $276.89; paid evangelist, $95.00; building and repairs, $388.00; education, $40.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00

Ministers belonging to our church, Rev. C. W. Bennett, St. Pauls, North Carolina and Rev. R. T. Sanderson, Lumberton, North Carolina. Pastor's name, Rev. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, North Carolina.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Church assembled in conference this 30th day of September, 1959.

M. L. Baxley, *Moderator*
Ellen Thames, *Clerk*

Mt. Moriah: To the Rockfish Annual Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Highland Pines Church at Hamlet, North Carolina. We send as delegates our beloved brother and sisters, R. L. Clark, Ruth Jenkins, Stella Hodges and Addie Jenkins, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past three months, 2; baptized, 2; dismissed, 1; total membership, 25; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 25; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $219.31; superannuation, $8.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Angus Prevatte, Raeford, North Carolina, and Rev. R. L. Clark, Hamlet, North Carolina. Pastor's name, Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Done by order of Mt. Moriah Church assembled in conference this 4th day of October, 1959.

Angus Prevatt, *Moderator*
Ruth Jenkins, *Clerk*

Bethlehem: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with Highland Pines Church at Hamlet, North Carolina, October 10, 1959.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past three months, 1; total membership, 18; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 30; number of officers, 4; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $33.07; offering in conference, $5.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Pastor's name, Rev. J. D. Liles, Box 321, Hamlet, North Carolina.

Done by order of Bethlehem Church assembled in conference this 10th day of October, 1959.

Rev. J. D. Liles, *Moderator*
Daisy Liles, *Clerk*

(Please pray for us that we may be able to finish our Sunday school rooms that we have started.)

Hickory Grove: To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with Highland Pines Church at Hamlet, North Carolina, October 10, 1959. We send as delegates our beloved brethren and sisters, Jesse W. Lee, Avy Jane Lee; Eva Batten, Annie Thames, Vader E. Lee and Shirley Barefoot, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past 12 months, 5; baptized, 1; dismissed, 6; total membership, 34; condition of prayer meeting, average; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 65; number of officers, 8; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $440.00; paid evangelist, $110.00; home missions, $3.94; building and repairs, $200.00; publication, $18.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Minister belonging to our church, Rev. Hamp Wallace, Route 1, Box 404, Wadesboro, North Carolina, Pastor's name, Rev. Hamp Wallace.

Done by the order of Hickory Grove Church assembled in conference the 7th day of September, 1959.

Rev. Hemp Wallace, *Moderator*
Ernest B. Barefoot, *Clerk*

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Mount Calvary—Eula Jenkins, Route 1, Box 185-X, Hamlet, N. C.
Mount Moriah—Mrs. Ruth Jenkins, Route 2, Box 42, Hamlet, N. C.
Bethlehem—Miss Daisy Liles, P. O. Box 321, Hamlet, N. C.
Highland Pines—No Report.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Steve English, Route 2, Hamlet, N. C.
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Sabbath School—Rev. Paul Brown, Route 2, Rockingham, N. C.
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Orphanage—Mr. J. W. Lee, Route 3, Fayetteville, N. C.

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Superannuation—Rev. Charlie T. Hall, 408 Cedar Creek Road, Fayetteville, N. C.
Cragmont (Special)—W. H. Edwards, Route 1, Box 9, Hope Mills, N. C.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Lee Hall, Mrs. Lineze Johnson and Mr. Roy Johnson

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-third annual session of the Rockfish Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of the state of North Carolina, met with Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, St. Pauls, Robeson County, North Carolina, on October 7, 1961.

The meeting opened at 10:00 a. m. with the congregation singing "The Gloryland Way." Prayer by Rev. Steve English.

Song by congregation, "Father Along."

Devotional by Rev. E. P. Pierce; Scripture reading, Matthew 7.

Song by congregation, "Work for the Night Is Coming."

Welcome address, Rev. C. T. Hall, pastor of host church.

Response by moderator, Rev. J. D. Liles.

Song by congregation, "Face to Face."

Roll call of ministers; those present were: Revs. Steve English, J. D. Liles, C. W. Bennett, R. L. Clark, Charles Maness, R. T. Sanderson, Hamp Wallace, Angus Prevatte, E. P. Pierce, C. T. Hall and J. C. Rogers.

Rev. J. C. Rogers stated that his desires were for his name to remain on the Rockfish Conference roster.

CHURCH LETTERS

Called for church letters. Churches reporting were as follows:

Sandy Grove—To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church at St. Pauls, North Carolina, October 7, 1961. We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Brothers Dunk Budd, Jesse Sessoms, J. W. Faircloth, G. H. Carver and Sister Sessoms, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; total members, 30; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 75; number of officers, 5; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $496.21; light and fuel, $65.87; miscellaneous, $94.64; building and repairs, $506.28; orphanage, $21.00; for publication, $56.56; enclosed for minutes, $10.00; quarterly unions, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. T. Sanderson, Lumberton, North Carolina; Rev. Charlie T. Hall, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Rev. C. W. Bennett, St. Pauls, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. Charlie T. Hall.

Done by order of Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference September 30, 1961.

Rev. Charlie T. Hall, *Moderator*
Marion L. Johnson, *Clerk*

Hickory Grove—To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when

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Statistics: State of religion, good; members received past three months, 3; total membership, 28; condition of prayer meeting, poor; condition of Sunday school; good, average number of pupils, 45; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $498.41; paid evangelist, $50.00; building and repairs, $400.00; for publication, $45.00; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Hamp Wallace, Route 1, Wadesboro, North Carolina; Rev. Bernie C. Player, 720 Richmond Road, Rockingham, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. Bernie C. Player.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church when assembled in conference October 1, 1961.

Rev. Bernie C. Player, *Moderator*
Mrs. Dorothy Sandy, *Clerk*
Route 3, Box 376
Fayetteville, N. C.

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Statistics: State of religion, good; total membership, 30; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 20; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $163.00; building and repairs, $177.41; for publication, $15.00; enclosed for minutes, $5.00.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Angus Prevatte, 713 Hawkins Street, Sanford, North Carolina; Rev. R. L. Clark, Route 1, Hamlet, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. Angus Prevatte.

Done by order of Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Church when assembled in conference October 1, 1961.

Rev. R. L. Clark, *Moderator*
Ruth Jenkins, *Clerk*
Route 2, Box 42
Hamlet, N. C.

Bethlehem—To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church at St. Pauls, North Carolina, October 7, 1961.

Statistics: State of religion, good; total membership, 22; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 32; number of officers, 6; number of teachers, 3.

Finances: Paid pastor, $68.72; building and repairs, $86.80; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Ministers belonging to our church; Rev. J. David Liles, Box 321, Hamlet, North Carolina; Rev. E. P. Pierce, Route 1, Hartsville, South Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. J. David Liles.

Done by order of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church when assembled in conference October 7, 1961.

Rev. J. David Liles, *Moderator*
Daisy Liles, *Clerk*
Box 321
Hamlet, N. C.

We are small in number but strong in Christ. Pray for us that we might always be in the center of His will.

Mt. Calvary—To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church at St. Pauls, North Carolina, October 7, 1961. We send as delegates our beloved sisters: Cleo Singletary and Eula Jenkins, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, fair; members received this year, 2; baptized, 2; total membership, 74; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday school, fair; average number of pupils, 65; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: Paid pastor, $1,275.00; paid evangelist, $95.00; home missions, $60.00; for publication, $35.06; enclosed for minutes, $10.00.

Minister belonging to our church: Rev. Charles Maness, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. Charles Maness.

Done by order of Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church when assembled in conference.

Rev. Charles Maness, *Moderator*
Eula Jenkins, *Clerk*
Route 1, Box 185-X
Hamlet, N. C.

Glenwood—To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church at St. Pauls, North Carolina, October 7, 1961. We send as delegates of beloved brothers and sisters: Mr. and Mrs. Archie Furr; Mrs. Annie Brown, Mrs. Charlotte Steen and Miss Carolyn Carpenter, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics: State of religion, good; members received this past year, 4; baptized, 2; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school,

good; average number of pupils, 72; number of offieers, 2; number of teaehers, 5.

Finances: Paid pastor, $2,517.50; paid evangelist, $130.00; home missions, $150.00; building and repairs, $125.00; for publieation, $30.00; for edueation, $74.00; enclosed for minutes, $6.00.

Minister belonging to our church: Rev. Carl Brown, Route 2, Roekingham, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. Carl Brown.

Done by order of the Glenwood Free Will Baptist Church when assembled in conference October 4, 1961.

Rev. Carl Brown, *Moderator*
A. B. Brown, *Clerk*
Route 2
Rockingham, N. C.

We have been having cottage prayer meetings and have been blessed to see ten souls saved in these meetings.

Motion made, seconded and carried to receive church letters as read.

Reading of minutes of last session by clerk. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept same.

Moderator appointed committee to select a minister to preach at the morning worship hour. Committee appointed: Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Charlotte Steen and Mrs. Dorothy Sandy.

The moderator read a few paragraphs from the Treatise of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, then entertained a motion that we, the Rockfish Conference, to go on record to have accepted the Treatise of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of the state of North Carolina as our guide for the future actions of our conference.

Motion made and seconded that the Rockfish Conference as a reeognized member of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of the state of North Carolina shall abide by the covenant, rules and regulations of the treatise as printed and issued by the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Carried by the majority.

The devotional committee requested Rev. Charles Maness to preach at the morning worship hour.

Rev. Steve English asked to be excused because of the death of a member of his family. Permission granted.

Song by congregation, "An Old Account Settled."

A few minutes recess.

Assembled at 11:15 a. m. for the worship hour.

Congregational song, "Where We'll Never Grow Old."

Sermon by Rev. Charles Maness; text, Revelation 22:17; John 1:1-41; theme, "Salvation and Diseipleship." Rev. Maness brought a timely message.

Congregational song, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Prayer by Rev. E. P. Pieree.

Invitation given by Rev. C. T. Hall for everyone to stay for lunch.

Luneh was served at 12:00 noon by the ladies of Sandy Grove Church and a more bountiful and delieious meal would be hard to find. A hearty thanks to the ladies who were responsible for the meal served.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 1:00 p. m. with the eongregation singing, "Camping in Canaan's Land."

Prayer by W. H. Edwards.

Song by eongregation, "The Pearly White City."

Devotional by Rev. R. L. Clark; Scripture reading, Matthew 3.

Congregational song, "When I See the Blood."

Song by ministers, "Amazing Grace."

Motion made, seeonded and earried to aceept Rev. Stanley Parkey as a fellow minister.

Rev. Parkey comes to us by letter from the Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association of Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Discussion of the eonferenee to be in session for two days. Reasons for a longer session were as follows: We need a longer time for business reasons, and to give the various eommittees, boards and eouneils to give a report of their year's work and for the conference to act on these reports.

Motion made, seconded and earried that the Rockfish Conference will be in session for two days at the next annual meeting and each time thereafter, until changed in lawful manner as set forth in our constitution.

Invitation given by delegates from Glenwood Church for the eonference to be held at their church next year.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Rockfish Conferenee will be held at Glenwood Church at Rockingham, North Carolina, Friday and Saturday before the seeond Sunday in October, 1962, our Lord willing.

Collection for Cragmont Assembly amounted to $10.24.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. D. Liles.

Rev. J. D. Liles, *Moderator*

W. H. Edwards, *Secretary-Treasurer*

NOTE: There were no reports given by the standing eommittees, executive board or the ordaining eouneil at this session. To all eoncerned, the reports, in writing, should be given for the eonference in session to act upon your year's work, so the work you have performed can become official is necessary.—Clerk.

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PROCEEDINGS

Morning Session

The fifty-fourth annual session of the Rockfish Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met with Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Hamlet, North Carolina, October 12, 1962.

The session opened at 10 a.m. with singing by the congregation. Songs: "Glory to His Name" and "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Rev. R. T. Sanderson.

Song: "Sweet By and By."

Devotional by Rev. Steve English, reading from the Twenty-third Psalm.

Welcome address by Rev. Angus Prevatte, pastor of Mount Moriah church.

Reading of the minutes of the last session by the clerk. Moved and carried to accept minutes as read.

Roll call of ministers. Those present were Revs. Steve English, J. D. Liles, R. L. Clark, R. T. Sanderson, and Angus Prevatte.

Visiting ministers were Rev. Thomas Murray, Newton, North Carolina; Rev. Jesse Benoit, Hamlet, North Carolina; and Rev. C. D. Watkins, Dunn, North Carolina.

Call for church letters. Churches reporting were Sandy Grove, Hickory Grove, and Mount Moriah.

The following churches reported but later withdrew their letters: Glenwood, Highland Pines, Bethlehem, and Mount Calvary. (Glenwood reported the second day.)

Moved and carried to accept the letters of the churches desiring to remain in the Rockfish Conference affiliated with the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Discussion of business at hand was pertaining to which group of Free Will Baptists at the state level would the Rockfish Conference remain affiliated with.

Motion made and carried to table the matter until the second day when more of the people concerned were apt to be present.

Worship hour. Song: "The Nail-Scarred Hand." Sermon by Rev. R. L. Clark; text, Matthew 5.

Song by Congregation: "Face to Face."

Dismissed by Rev. Jesse Benoit.

Afternoon Session

Reassembled at 1:00 p.m. with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Tell It to Jesus."

Prayer by Everett Taylor.

Solo by Rev. R. T. Sanderson.

Devotional by Rev. R. T. Sanderson; John, chapter 3.

Congregational song, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

Rev. Carey D. Watkins gave a very short talk concerning the reasons for the formation of the State Association known as the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists.

Congregational song, "Breathe on Me."

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. C. D. Watkins.

SECOND DAY

Morning Session

Congregational songs, "There is Power in the Blood" and "I'll Be Satisfied."

Prayer by Rev. Paul Brown.

Song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Devotional by Rev. R. L. Clark; Psalm, chapter 20.

Congregational song, "Rescue the Perishing."

Welcome address, Rev. Paul Brown.

Roll call of ministers; those present were Revs. Steve English, J. D. Lile, R. L. Clark, Paul Brown, Charles Maness, R. T. Sanderson, Angus Prevatte, C. T. Hall.

Reading of yesterday's minutes.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept minutes.

Rev. Angus Prevatte delivered the 11:00 message.

The constitution and bylaws were read by the clerk.

Motion was made to join the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists. The reason given for the motion was that the North Carolina State Convention no longer believed in church autonomy and the North Carolina Association did. The people opposing this motion believes that the argument made was groundless, and even if the story was true, they did not want to forsake various programs of the State Convention such as the Children's Home and Superannuation, etc.

Vote on the above motion resulted in the following count: standing vote, 13 for and 12 against.

At 10:45 the moderator declared a recess.

Worship hour at 11:00 a.m.

Congregational song, "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."

Message by Rev. Angus Prevatte, using as his text, Matthew, chapter 24.

Song, "Near the Cross."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Jesse Benoit.

Afternoon Session

Congregational song, "Revive Us Again."

Special singing by Alex Brown and group, "What a Day that Will Be" and "God Will Wipe Away All Tears."

Results of the voting on the motion made in the morning session caused the delegates who were against the motion to leave.

Rev. Charles Maness suggested that a meeting of all concerned be held at Highland Pines, November 3, 1962.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the meeting suggested be held at Highland Pines, November 3, 1962, and for the clerk to notify all concerned.

Congregational song, "The Solid Rock."

Prayer by Rev. R. T. Sanderson.

A trio rendered special music.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Charlotte Steen.

The members of Sandy Grove and Hickory Grove churches, with a letter from the clerk of Mount Moriah church, indicated that the people of Mount Moriah church wished to remain with the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists as did the people of Sandy Grove and Hickory Grove churches did, meet together at Sandy Grove church, Route 2, St. Pauls, North Carolina, to elect officers and to attend to business as they deemed necessary.

Proceedings, October 20, 1962

Morning Session

Congregational songs, "The Kingdom is Coming" and "When I See the Blood."

Prayer by Rev. C. T. Hall.

Devotional by Rev. R. T. Sanderson; Galatians, chapter 6.

Election of officers. (See officers.)

Moved, seconded and carried that the Rockfish Conference remain affiliated with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The following delegates were elected to attend the next session of the State Convention: Revs. C. T. Hall, R. T. Sanderson and Mr. W. H. Edwards.

Expenses are to be paid by the Rockfish Conference, to be assured that the conference would be represented.

Collection for Children's Home amounted to $11.

The remainder of the services held was devoted to preaching and singing, also a wonderful dinner outdoors was provided by the host church.

The messages were delivered by Revs. R. T. Sanderson and Steve English.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Dismissed with prayer.

HIGHLAND PINES, NOVEMBER 3, 1962

Results of a meeting held at Highland Pines church, Route 2, Hamlet, North Carolina, November 3, 1962, were as follows:

Glenwood church, Mt. Calvary church, Bethlchem church, and Highland Pines voted to join the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists, through membership in the Piedmont Association of the same state body.

Motion made by Rev. Jesse Benoit that the clerk return the money that each church who was leaving the Rockfish Conference sent by its delegates to the regular annual session in October, 1962.

Motion carried.

Money was returned to the churches concerned on November 3, 1962.

Moved, seconded and carried to sell the mimeograph machine belonging to the Rockfish Conference. The money obtained from sale to be divided among the churches as follows: Sandy Grove, Hickory Grove, and Mount Moriah. To be sent to the clerk of Rockfish Conference for the following churches: Glenwood, Mt. Calvary, Bethlehem, and Highland Pines.

Committee appointed to sell the mimeograph machine was Rev. Paul Brown, Route 2, Rockingham, North Carolina; Rev. Charles Maness, 123 W. Martin St., Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn.

The fifty-fifth annual session of the Rockfish Conference will convene with Sandy Grove church, Route 2, St. Pauls, Robeson County, North Carolina. The Lord willing, on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1963; and on October 12, 1963.

Rev. C. T. Hall, *Moderator*
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CHURCH LETTERS

Called for church letters. Churches reporting were as follows:

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Statistics: state of religion, good; members received past year, 4; baptized, 4; dismissed, 0; died, 0; total membership, 50; condition of prayer meeting, 0; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 60; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: paid pastor, $529; paid evangelist, 0; home mission, $121.39; utilities, $95.48; building and repairs, $234.79; conf. and unions, $16; for publication, $50; enclosed for minutes, $10; superannuation, $15.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. C. T. Hall, 408 Cedar Creek Rd., Fayetteville, North Carolina; Rev. R. T. Sanderson, Lumberton, North Carolina; Rev. C. W. Bennett, Hope Mills, North Carolina.

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Done by order of Sandy Grove Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference October 6, 1962.

Rev. C. T. Hall, *Moderator*
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Statistics: state of religion, good; members received past year, 2; baptized, 0; dismissed, 1; died, 0; total membership, 45; condition of prayer meeting, none; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 40; number of officers, 2; number of teachers, 4.

Finances: paid pastor, $300; paid evangelist, none; home mission, $100; building and repairs, $60; for publication, $50; enclosed for minutes, $10.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. Hamp Wallace, Route 1, Box 404, Wadesboro, North Carolina.

Pastor's name: Rev. C. T. Hall, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Done by order of Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church assembled in conference October 7, 1962.

Rev. C. T. Hall, *Moderator*
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Mount Moriah—To the Rockfish Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Church at Hamlet,

North Carolina, October 12, 1962. We send as delegates our beloved sisters: Mrs. Ruth Jenkins and Mrs. Stella Hodges, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

Statistics: condition of Sunday school, good; state of religion, good; average attendance, 20; died, none; total membership, 25; number officers, 4; number teachers, 3.

Finances: paid pastor, $138.58; building and repairs, $35; publication, $21; superannuatian, $10; enclosed for minutes, $5.

Ministers belonging to our church: Rev. R. L. Clark, Hamlet, North Carolina; Angus Prevatte, 713 Hawkins Avenue, Sanford, North Carolina.

Done by order of Mount Moriah church when assembled in conference October 7, 1962.

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Constitution

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